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Attorney Mark Hanson fields questions from concerned contract workers during an informal question-and-answer forum organized at the Garapan Roundhouse yesterday.

# CW parents with expiring permits face tough choices

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Jasmine Kang, 9 years old, has two parents on expiring contract worker permits that, given existing federal procedure amid a contract worker cap that has been reached this year, will have to leave island within the next three months with a return to island uncertain.

Kang joins an unknown number of children whose parents have permits expiring before Sep. 30, 2016, will be forced to leave the Commonwealth, after the federal government announced last month that it had reached the its cap of 12,999 CW permits for foreign workers and that no more applications would be accepted for fiscal year 2016.

Asked how she felt about her parents leaving, Jasmine said she was "sad." "I like Saipan," she also said.

Jasmine's father, Zhao Fu Kang, runs an air-conditioning and electric repairs center and has been on island for 24 years. His contract worker permit expires on Sept. 16.

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# Judge denies PTSA's motion to intervene for appeal

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» 'No longer anything to appeal in Radich couple's lawsuit'

Citing that there is no longer anything to appeal, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona denied Tanapag Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association's motion to intervene in the lawsuit filed by U.S. Navy veteran David J. Radich and his wife, who successfully challenged the constitutionality of the CNMI gun control law.

In an order issued on Friday, Manglona said

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# Wildfire burns over 90 acres of vegetation on Capital Hill

FERDIE DE LA TORRE
A huge wildland fire rages in the jungle area behind Miller Estates in Capital Hill on Monday night. As of Tuesday night, the fire spread and is still raging in Wireless Ridge and Talafofo, sweeping about 90 to 100 acres of vegetation. Another bush fire also occurred in Papago yesterday.

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» Another bush fire in Papago

A huge wildland fire swept about 90 to 100 acres of vegetation on Capital Hill, Wireless Ridge, and Talafofo for over 24 hours starting Monday afternoon to last night. A separate bush fire also broke out yesterday in Papago.

As of 6pm, the fire was still raging in Wireless Ridge and Talafofo. As of press time, the Papago

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JON PEREZ
A Kagman High School staff, right, takes a selfie with the Top 10 Education Achievement awardees in yesterday's graduation of the Ayuyus held at the American Memorial Park.

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# Local

JON PEREZ
Kagman High School valedictorian Lilly Jean King Bautista, third right, joins her parents Luisito, second right, and Rosie King, third left, after receiving her award from Board of Education members Marylou S. Ada, left, Janice A. Tenorio, and chair Herman T. Guerrero, right.

## Kagman High valedictorian aims to return a teacher

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Lilly Jean King Bautista would begin the new chapter of her life at Utah State University this Fall semester aiming to return to the CNMI a full-fledged teacher. She said that giving her service back to the Public School System is her way of thanking all who helped her reach her dreams.

Bautista finished on top of Kagman High School's Class of 2016—a total of 125 students—where 20 are part of the Ayuyus' inaugural Million Dollar Scholars program, six of which earned Gates Millennium Scholarships.

She was the recipient of the highest academic award, valedictorian, aside from getting the Outstanding Female Graduate honors and earning four of the 10 Departmental Content Area Awards—Language Arts, Mathematics, Japanese, and Physical Education.

"I was educated at all Kagman schools—elementary and middle schools. I would like to become a teacher and give everything back to educate the minds of the younger generation," said Bautista, the youngest of two children by Luisito and Rosalie King Bautista.

A bachelor's degree in elementary education is what she wants to finish for her undergraduate studies. She also wants to earn her postgraduate—masters and doctorate degrees in education—before coming back to Saipan.

"I would finish everything before I come back to teach here on Saipan. I would like to arm myself with the proper knowledge that I would share to the young kids," added Bautista, who was also the valedictorian at Kagman Elementary School and Chacha Oceanview Middle School.

In her valedictory speech, Bautista recalled how her father, Luisito—who was originally from Imus in Cavite province, Philippines—came to Saipan in 1987 to work as a construction laborer while her mother, the former Rosalie King, moved to Saipan to study but was denied a college education since their family could not afford it. "They are the tree and I am the fruit. By your encouragement, I dedicate everything to you."

She said that she would spend more time with her family after four years of hard work and dedication in order to reach her goal. "But I will also prepare myself to live on my own."

"This will be my first time to leave Saipan. I must prepare myself mentally, physically, and financially," added Bautista, who earned full scholarship at Utah State.

Her message to other students: "We should rise and work together as one nation. No matter what happens, strive hard to reach your dreams."

Rob Tavilla, Tribe Marianas co-owner, was the keynote speaker and told the graduates to conquer their fears. "Remember that four letter word and never let that break you. Don't allow bad experiences and mistakes to bring

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# Commerce touts progress on 5-year economic strategy report

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Department of Commerce Secretary Mark Rabauliman said yesterday that they are in the process of reviewing and approving a "ranking matrix" for economic projects in the CNMI based on their overall importance as part of a five-year economic development plan currently at work on.

**» Public input sought on 'ranking' of economic projects**

The information has been made public on the www.cnmiceds.com, or via a link through Commerce's website at www.commerce.gov.mp, and comes part of the Commerce's work on the 2016-2021 "Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy," or CEDS.

The CEDS is comprised of an advisory board referred to as the CEDS Commission, which is comprised of private sector leaders, as well as public officials, and is tasked with providing input and advice as to the document's development.

The CED website is intended to provide information to the public on the working documents as well as allows for direct input and feedback into the document from stakeholders.

"At this stage, we are in the process of reviewing and approving a ranking matrix, which is intended to provide an objective way for the commission and the department to rank the various projects in terms of overall importance to our economic development in the next five years. The public is welcome to view the ranking matrix and provide their input as to the various elements used…While the input of the commission is critical to a well-rounded CEDS, more important is the input from our general public," Rabauliman said in a statement.

The Commerce department says they continue to make progress on the report's development, which is funded through a federal grant from the Economic Development Administration. The report is intended to provide a strategic outlook for the CNMI moving forward in the next five years, and is intended to outline infrastructure projects essential to the continued development of the CNMI.

"The 2016-2021 CEDS report is a bit more challenging because many of the government agencies which are considering the dynamics of the large scaled and fast paced developments in relations to our infrastructure needs. Our partner agencies understand the value of economic development, and are ramping up their efforts to meet such infrastructure needs in line with the requirements of the CEDS," said Rabauliman.

## KAGMAN

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fear into your life."

Benellen Santos Camacho was the early graduate valedictorian with Mikeala Aldan San Nicolas as salutatorian. Coreen Jermaine T. Ramon and Asako Jobel Habal Camacho were the Governor's Leadership and Principal's awards recipients, respectively.

Hilaria Magdalena Santos Duenas (Mayor of Saipan Community Service); Jerry Diego Borja and Jessa Mae Flores Camacho (Scholastic Excellence); Travis Jude Norita Kaliga and Aurellia Tonianna Aguon Iguel (Semper Fidelis for Musical Excellence); Amanda Yollyn Smith Agulto and Andrew Paul Ayuman Paulino (Distinguished Athletes); Mikeala Aldan San Nicolas (Language Arts, Social Studies, and Physical Education) and Cassey Pangelinan Babauta (Science, Physical Education, and Japanese); Alexander Ughurengapi Litulumar (Mathematics); Elizabeth Britney Basa, Asako Camacho, and Karen Mae Delos Santos Laoyan (Social Studies); Fatimah Skylar Acosta Blake, and Audrey Rose Rechebei Camacho (Science); Peter Anthony Cabrera Santos (Physical Education); Laoyan, Blake, Asako Camacho, and Josepha Dela Cruz Cabrera (Japanese); Victor Juan Cabrera Castro and Ana Matsunaga Lieto (Culinary Arts); Aaron Peter Santos and Agnes Rose Miyuki DLG Mongami (COOP); Ramon and Victor Juan Castro (Computer Applications); and Florens Buekis and Kris Butters (JROTC) were the other recipients of the Community, Marine Corps, and Departmental Content Area awards.

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## CW

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"I am already 60 years old. [My] baby is only 9 years old," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday after an informal question-and-answer forum was held at the Garapan Roundhouse between local attorneys and workers. "According to the law, we have to go. But for the kids what are we going to do?"

Zhao also says his wife, who works with him as a technician, also has a permit that expires on the same day as his.

Asked who would be taking care of his child if Zhao and his wife left the NMI, "I don't know."

"I don't like [the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to] take [care of] my kids," said another parent, Chen Fang, who has been on island for almost 20 years.

Fang's application will expire in July and her husband's, a Filipino, will expire in August.

They also have two kids in elementary school who risk losing their parents for an indefinite period, as businesses and workers compete for shrinking cap space next fiscal year 2017. The federal government reduced the cap by 1,000 for last year.

"I stay here already 17 years," said Fang. "My husband already almost 20 years."

"I asked my daughter, 'do you want to go China, do you want to go to Philippines?" and she said, "No, I like Saipan. I like to study Saipan." Chen Fang says her daughters are aged 7 and 9. Fang and her husband work at Eucon International School.

Through a translator, some of the workers at the forum yesterday described their situation as "tough," "unfair and "depressing" and "upsetting."

Attorney Mark Hanson, one of the lawyers that fielded questions yesterday, sought to clarify some notions about possible "humanitarian parole" for affected workers.

He said humanitarian parole would not apply to people after January 2012.

Hanson says workers would not be able to qualify for humanitarian parole that others got that had umbrella permits, or employment authorization document in 2012.

"One of the things that I am hoping that the governor and our congressman do, and they probably are," Hanson said, "is trying to have Homeland Security provide some sort of relief for the people who have U.S. citizen children here.

Because you guys already know, President Obama's already said that we shouldn't try to remove people that have [U.S. citizen children], but it doesn't help their employment status. They are still going to be overstayers. They're still going to have a problem with employment, they are not going to be able to fall back into the CW-1 program. But maybe they can get Homeland Security to agree to expand the humanitarian parole program to the new people that get capped out that have U.S. citizen children here. Maybe.

That's the only special category that I can see out of all of this…Everybody else that's been here 30 years, and you're children are already gone to the states or not—it doesn't matter how long you've been here—you are going to have to go back if you are capped out," Hanson said.

Some workers complained yesterday of an alleged late notice with renewal deadlines.

Selinda Chen and her husband, Yang, said nobody gave them a message that they needed to renew six months before their expiration.

"We don't know that. Before, every year it is three months before renewal but nobody told us" this year about the six month deadline, said Selinda Chen, who has been on Saipan for 11 years.

Selinda and Yang have two kids—boys aged 2 years and 4.

"Even when we go China for vacation, my baby always say, 'Saipan is my city,'" said Selinda Chan.

"We have the car, every month we put [money in] bank, we have contract written for a leased house—everybody [here has] business here," said Yang, whose permit expires in Sept. 23

"I deliver hand-made souvenirs. Very busy. Very good business," he told *Saipan Tribune*. Yang says he's been here for 12 years already.

### Two big misconceptions

Hanson noted two big misconceptions that workers may have amid the ongoing issue.

One, he said is it does not matter how long one has lived on island, because, unfortunately, the "cue was the cue." He was speaking about USCIS' processing of permits.

"Everybody got in line and there was no priority given to any of them. There is no real way to work a priority system like that. It just had to be first-come, first-serve.

"But the other big misconception," he added, "is that there's some sort of "right" to stay here if one has U.S. citizen children. And there's just not under the CW program, the transitional worker program."

"They might be able to avail of themselves of some relief from deportation but that's not a good situation. So it's better just solidify the CW status.

Noting that there some in the unfortunate position with kids and expiring permits at different months, he asked, "What do they do? They are in a hard situation. Both of them have to go and split up the family. So in those situations one of them is going to have to leave and one of them is going to have to make some hard decisions of what is right."

"But they can come back," he added. "Everybody can come back. Just not until 10 days before Oct. 1."

Hanson urges that workers should be applying "now and now and whenever they can to get in the cue.

"Because as soon as these big companies out there that are going to be hiring a thousand workers at time, and if 10 of them do it, we are going to be capped out again."

It's believed that new developers have taken a large chunk of the CW cap, mostly for new permits for their construction permits, beating long-time employees for permit space.

Hanson also said, small employers especially have to be diligent in advertising available positions held by the contract workers and getting in cue as soon as they can within 180 days of the permits' expiration.

"Get in as soon as you can and make sure everything is correct in the petition so that all the advertising is done properly and the certifications is done…if you get it all in time, you shouldn't have a problem with the 2017 cap," he said.

### Leeway

Hanson also suggested that those with permits expiring in mid-September might not have to leave island.

He explained that workers' legal stay lasts 10 days after their permit expires. But that their stay also starts 10 days before their new permit.

"So there is a 20-day legal stay gap before Oct. 1," he said.

"So people who are expiring, say Sept. 11, 12, or 13, can stay 10 days longer, and if they have an already approved Oct. 1. start petition—they can stay 10 days before that. So they overlap, they meet. Which means there is effectively a 20-day window where people that expire in that 20 days might not have to go back to their home country... They might be able to process here," added Hanson.

He suggested that these workers write a well-worded cover letter to USCIS that explains the "timing" of their situation so they would not have to leave.

"…They might be able to processes without going home. And that's the big thing for some employers… the cost of sending everybody back for a couple of weeks and bringing them back again would be a lot."

## JUDGE

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when the Commonwealth Legislature repealed the law at the heart of the Radich couple's lawsuit, it rendered moot the case or controversy subject to judicial decision, and essentially made the scope of CNMI gun control a political matter.

"Because the provisions challenged in this lawsuit no longer exist, and the Radiches no longer have anything to enjoin, PTSA no longer has a case into which it can intervene," Manglona said.

In her March 28 ruling, Manglona declared unconstitutional the CNMI gun control law that prohibits all residents from obtaining handguns for self-defense purposes.

In response, the CNMI passed Public Law 19-42, SAFE Act, which removes the ban on possession of handguns and also establishes new rules for transporting and using firearms.

Tanapag Middle School PTSA, through counsel Joseph Horey, then filed a motion to intervene for purposes of appeal in the Radich couple's lawsuit.

Tanapag Middle School PTSA president A. Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong in his declaration said they oppose the legalization of handguns in the CNMI because these weapons add a new and dangerous threat to the students' welfare.

Horey argued that if the court's decision in the Radich couple's lawsuit is allowed to remain in force without appeal, the PTSA's ability to protect its interest in the "welfare of children and youth in home, school, and community will this be permanently impeded."

The Radiches, through counsel David G. Sigale, opposed PTSA's motion.

Sigale asserted that, as of now, the challenged laws no longer exist because the Commonwealth passed Public Law 19-42, the SAFE Act, following Manglona's summary judgment ruling, which repealed and/or amended all the laws that the Radich couple had challenged.

In denying PTSA's motion, Manglona said PTSA cannot do anything more than speculate about potential harms that may or may not come to pass as a result of handguns entering the CNMI, and therefore fails to demonstrate particularized injury.

Second, Manglona said, PTSA cannot show a causal connection between the supposed injury (assuming for the sake of argument that it exists) and this court's judgment.

Third and most obviously, the judge said, PTSA cannot show a likelihood of redressability.

Manglona said at oral argument, PTSA counsel opined that if the court's judgment were reversed on appeal, then the Legislature would reinstate the handgun ban.

Manglona said when pressed about what relief PTSA would receive if counsel's prognostication proved wrong, the only response was that PTSA would seek to elect a Legislature more in line with its values.

The judge said the final problem with PTSA's argument—really the central problem—is that the lawsuit into which it seeks to intervene was mooted by legislative action.

## WILDFIRE

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bush fire was already extinguished.

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde said no one was injured and no house or structure was burned in both fires.

Gersonde said the rain at about 5pm helped a lot in slowing down the fire.

Gersonde said firefighters and fire engines were monitoring the houses near the affected areas to make sure they don't catch on fire.

Gersonde said if the fire will not be extinguished by morning today, Wednesday, over 100 acres of vegetation will be wiped out.

One acre is a size of a football field, according to Gersonde.

Gersonde said the Capital Hill fire of still unknown cause began at 5pm on Monday.

Asked why it takes so long to extinguish the fire, Gersonde said the area is located deep in the jungle and grass is dry.

Gersonde urged anyone who is asthmatic or has health concerns due to smoke to call 911 or the Fire Station in Susupe at 664-9004 or 664-9003.

As of 9pm on Monday, some employees of Best Sunshine International, Ltd., who are staying at Miller Estates on Capital Hill, were preparing to evacuate as the fire was just behind their compound. Fortunately, wind direction and firefighters prevented the blaze from spreading to the apartment units and other houses in the area.

One of the residents at Miller Estates said it's the first time in his nine-month stay that they saw such fire in that area.

Another resident said she saw thick smoke from the jungle area followed by fire.

In February 2015, wildfire burned about 15 to 20 acres of vegetation in Wireless Ridge.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde said no one was injured and no house or structure was burned in the fires in Wireless Ridge and Talafofo.

# Execution of Mondala's 1-year prison term stayed for a week

## »Judge wants legal research, more information about DOC staffing

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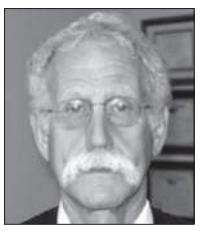
Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo yesterday granted a week stay on the execution of a one-year prison term slapped against former Office of Aging director Rose DLG Mondala.

Govendo said he needs to conduct legal research on the issue and wants more information whether the Department of Corrections has enough female staff who could watch the 71-year-old Mondala.


Govendo

Govendo ordered the government and Mondala's counsel, Loren Sutton, to come back on Tuesday, June 7, at 1:30pm for the continuation of the hearing on the defendant's motion to stay the execution of prison term pending her appeal of the sentencing order.

The judge asked Sutton to tell Mondala that by Tuesday she should be prepared to start serving the prison term.

Mondala did not appear at the hearing yesterday. She is supposed to start serving her prison sentence at DOC today, Wednesday, at 8am.

Sutton argued Mondala's motion yesterday. He said his client is not a flight risk, has serious and life-threatening health problems, and is no threat to the public.

Sutton recommended home confinement pending the outcome of their appeal.

Sutton said Mondala has many ailments, including that she is susceptible to heart attack and is a carrier of tuberculosis.

Sutton said the husband has been taking care of Mondala at their home.

Assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley, counsel for the government, said the Commonwealth sticks to its position that the court should deny the motion as Mondala has not raised a substantial question of law or fact that then-Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman was in error that likely to result in reversal.

Govendo said he will do legal research on federal sentencing guidelines that Sutton brought up.

Citing Mondala's nine illnesses, Govendo asked Baisley to provide information to the court if DOC has sufficient staff who could monitor the defendant's health condition.

Govendo expressed concern that Mondala may die in DOC if not given proper treatment.

Baisley noted that Wiseman already took Mondala's illnesses as a factor in considering the sentencing.

At sentencing, Wiseman pointed out that he reviewed the doctor's report stating the numerous illnesses Mondala has and the medication being administered.

However, Wiseman said, medical condition although can and will mitigate the sentence, "it will not cancel it out."

Last Feb. 25, Mondala pleaded guilty to one count of forgery and one count of use of public supplies, time, and personnel for campaign activities.

As part of the plea deal, the government moved to dismiss the remaining 39 charges. The court granted the motion.

# Manglona grants Leyda Ada's request for release

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has granted Leyda Ada's request for release pending the outcome of her appeal from her conviction of perjury and sentence.

At a hearing on Friday, Manglona found that Ada is not likely to flee or pose a danger to the safety of any person in the community if released.

Manglona also found that Ada's purpose for the appeal is not for improper delay and that the appeal raises a substantial question of law.

The judge, however, reminded the defendant that she was subject to abide by the same terms and conditions of her release to ensure that she does surrender herself to the U.S. Marshal, when required to do so.

Defense counsel Mark Hanson argued Ada's motion. Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe argued the U.S. government's opposition to the motion.

On June 26, 2015, a federal jury reached a verdict, acquitting Ada of the charges of conspiracy to commit money laundering and money laundering, but finding her guilty as to the crime of perjury.

Last April 24, Manglona sentenced Ada to two years and three months imprisonment. Ada was allowed her continued release pending the designation of her federal prison facility.

Manglona

Ada then filed a notice of appeal of her conviction and sentence. She later filed a motion for release pending the outcome of her appeal.

In Ada's motion for release, Hanson said his client is not a flight risk, is not a danger to the community, and her appeal and this motion are not for purposes of delay.

Hanson also asserted that Ada has and will present issues to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit that are "substantial" in nature—fairly debatable—and that would require reversal or re-sentencing if she prevails on either of the issues presented.

In the U.S. government's opposition, Backe argued that the issues regarding the sufficiency of the evidence and the ambiguity of the question have already been thoroughly briefed and argued—and more importantly, rejected by the court.

Backe agreed, however, that Ada does not present a flight risk or a danger to the community.

The jurors found Ada guilty of perjury when she signed "no" to the question in the "CJA form" if she has any cash on hand or money in savings or checking accounts.

In order to determine whether Ada could afford her own lawyer when she was arrested, she was required by the court to truthfully complete a financial affidavit.

In the paragraph entitled "Employment," Ada also checked the "no" box indicating that she was not employed.

According to the indictment, Ada's statements were false because she knew that she had $4,000 in cash at the time in her personal clothing drawer at her house and had access to and was an authorized user of at least two bank accounts.

Ada used to be a sales representative for Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc., a Missouri-based company that had supplied dialysis consumables and equipment to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Leyda Ada's husband, Melvin Ada, is a former employee of the Commonwealth Health Center. He pleaded guilty to 56 charges for misappropriating and diverting CNMI Treasury checks made payable to Midwest Medical Supply totaling over $1.7 million. Last December, he was slapped with a sentence of 12.7 years imprisonment. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***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# NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Building Safety Code Division under the Department of Public works would like to inform the general public particularly the engineering firms and the building contractors in the CNMI that Subchapter 155-10.1 of the Building Safety Code Rules and Regulations clearly specifies the following:

**§155-10.1-120 Site Plan:** There shall be filed a site plan showing the scale, size, and location of all the new construction and all existing structures on the site, distance from lot lines and the established street grades; and it shall be drawn in accordance with an accurate boundary line survey. In the case of demolition, the site plan shall show all construction to be demolished and the location and size of all existing buildings and constructions that are to remain on the site or plot. The building safety official may waive the requirements of this section when the work involved is of a minor nature.

Now, therefore, effective Monday, June 6, 2016 all plans submitted to Building Safety Code Division of the Department of Public Works shall include Site Plan as prescribed in the aforementioned **Article §155-10.1-120**. The site plan or commonly referred to as Civil Plans shall contain the following information before the Building Safety Official initiate review and issuance of building permit.

The Civil Plan or Site Plan shall contain the following:

1. As-Built drawing the existing features within the site and surroundings as may be deemed necessary.
2. Setback measurement with respect to the lot lines and government right-of-way.
3. Finish floor elevation in reference to the street or roadway elevation or grade.
4. With the exception of single family residential unit, include layout and number of parking areas (stalls) and show intended vehicular movement within the parking area as well as ingress and egress.
5. Required applicable standard traffic signs within the project.
6. Grading and drainage plan including driveway connection to the public right-of-way showing its gradient.
7. Location of existing utilities and the proposed point of connections.

/s/ CASIANO M. BOSTRE, P.E.
Building Safety Official

/s/ PETER P. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary of Public Works



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# INVITATION FOR BIDS
## CUC-IFB-16-015

### NMC 1.0 MG WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Northern Marianas College (NMC) 1.0 Million Gallon Water Tank Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of installation of a new transmission line between the new NMC tank and existing Kannat Tabla tank; removal of existing fiberglass tanks, 1.0 Million Gallon steel tank, yard piping, concrete vaults, and all other appurtenances at the NMC tank site; additional boring, design and construction of the new NMC 1.0 Million Gallon pre-stressed concrete water tank and foundation; installation of new NMC water tank piping, valve vaults, control valves, and other appurtenances; installation of a new booster pump (triplex system) with back-up generator at the NMC tank site; construction of a new chlorination station at the NMC tank site; construction of a new perimeter security fencing and facility lighting at NMC tank site; and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 420 calendar days from date of award of contract.

***The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.***

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **May 31, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST** be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-16-015, Northern Marianas College (NMC) 1.0 Million Gallon Water Tank Replacement** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) June 21, 2016,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. *A Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 1, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

# PAL aggressively promoting direct flights to PH

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Philippine Airlines will be starting its direct flights from Saipan to Manila this June. They have been aggressively promoting the twice-a-week schedule to all CNMI residents not only to the Filipino community.

Having direct flights to Manila is not only welcome news for Filipino contract workers, but also for locals who regularly have their medical check-ups in hospitals in the Philippine capital.

PAL marketing activation agent Paolo Garcia said they have been busy in trying to get the word out that the flight schedule would start on June 16. They gave away four round-trip tickets in last Sunday's TFC event starring Kim Chiu and Xian Lim.

They again donated two tickets to the United Filipino Organization, which will be raffled off separately in the Queen of the Pacific transgender pageant on June 11 and the Pistang Pinoy Independence Day celebration the following day.

The $10 tickets for the fundraising pageant at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort will give you one raffle entry, while it will be $1 each in the Pistang Pinoy.

Garcia said they usually follow the sales team of the Manila office in terms of promoting inaugural flights. "They are the ones who advice what strategies to take like sponsoring events."

Century Travel is PAL's partner on Saipan while also tying up with local radio station KWAW.

Partnering with Filipino organizations, advertising in print and radio, and using social media are some of the things they have done so far to promote PAL's Manila-Saipan and Saipan-Manila flights.

"Of course we also advertise on print and also getting involve in other community events. Our tie up with KWAW has a huge influence since most Filipinos listen to that radio station," added Garcia.

He said that they are optimistic that the flights will be a boom and earn traction with all the things that they've been doing, especially since Century's team on Saipan is well known on the island. "[Century Tours] can influence a lot of people."

Garcia added that their next plan is to offer tour packages, particularly to locals who want to see more of the Philippines. "We're also going to push for this. To attract the locals here to tour our country, see other places, and learn more of what our country offers. For sure they would enjoy it."

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KEVIN CALIBO
Philippine Airlines marketing activation agent Paolo Garcia, right, gives the ceremonial round-trip ticket to Manila to United Filipino Organization officials, from left, Ernie Molina, Pete Reyes, and Malou Malasarte.

Century Insurance Company, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

**Accountants**
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 5 years work-related experience in insurance financial management and payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivable, payable, and payroll management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, GENIISYS and MS Word and Excel software. Payroll accountant must possess experience in electronic processing of timesheets, allotments, and standard and government deductions. Must be able to work under time pressure and flexible hours.

**Accounting Manager**
Bachelor's degree in Business Administration major in accounting with a minimum 5 years experience in insurance financial management and possess good management ability. Proficient in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SAP R3 FICO system, and the insurance Geniisys program. Must possess good understanding of government and regulatory compliance procedures and requirements, excellent communication skills, as well as experience in interpreting financial reports. Preparation of NAIC Annual & Quarterly Statements, knows how to understand actuarial reports and auditing experience an advantage.

**General Manager**
Bachelor's Degree plus 10 years experience in the insurance business, at least 5 years of that as a general or operations manager in an insurance company. Must possess experience in managing technical underwriting including actual undertaking of risk analysis through risk survey and/or inspections of huge risks. Must have experience in managing reinsurance transactions with reinsurance brokers and reinsurers which involves undertaking of PML, Catastrophe Modeling, Setting Company Risk Retention. Must also be experienced in managing insurance claims handling including setting up of loss reserves in overseeing Claims Manager functions.

**System Analyst**
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science/Technology or Management Information Systems with a minimum 4 years experience in computer systems and programming. Must possess a broad knowledge and experience in computer systems, strong problem-solving and analytical skills, and the ability to think logically. Must have knowledge in Oracle server and programming, and a strong experience in insurance database and program – GENIISYS and an in-depth experience in insurance business operations. Must have good interpersonal and communication skills.

**Underwriting and Claims Supervisor**
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree plus 5 years of work experience in insurance business particularly in claims, underwriting, and reinsurance. Must also have knowledge, skills and ability to analyze and manipulate enterprise risk management. Must possess above average communication skills, a working knowledge of MS Word and Excel and the insurance software GENIISYS. Must be willing to take cross-functional assignments and adapt to changes necessary for the effective functioning of the organization's business operations.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

**Century Insurance Company, Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

# Judge Govendo serves as acting presiding judge, acting chief justice

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The CNMI Judiciary has one judge available for at least this week.

With the judges' and justices' absence, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo is acting Superior Court presiding judge and acting CNMI Supreme Court chief justice.

"For the first time in the CNMI history, I'm the acting presiding judge and the acting chief justice," the beaming Govendo announced yesterday after the conclusion of three bail hearings and a review hearing in criminal cases.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Kenneth L. Govendo serves this week as acting Superior Court presiding judge and acting CNMI Supreme Court chief justice.

In the afternoon, Govendo also presided over a motion hearing in a criminal case. At least two other hearings were continued.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Chief Justice Alexandro Castro and associate justices John A. Manglona and Perry B. Inos are in Guam for a Pacific Judicial Council's training/conference.

Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja and Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho also joined the Guam training/conference. Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio is in California for Drug Court training.

# 'Healthy population results in healthy economy'

Hardt

Dr. Don Hardt has been forcefully pushing for the passage of a bill that would tax sugar-sweetened beverages, powders, and syrups. He again renewed his call for the Legislature to finally pass House Bill 19-99 authored by Rep. Felicidad To. Ogumoro (R-Saipan).

Hardt, in yesterday's Rotary Club of Saipan meeting, said a number of studies have shown diabetes and obesity are the adverse effects of consuming too much sugar-sweetened beverages with the said diseases also not helping the economy.

"A healthy population would contribute to a healthy economy. Job loss is the result of diabetes and obesity," said Hardt, a University of Berkley graduate and the first certified diabetes program educator.

He said that in 2014 alone, there are more than 170 patients in the CNMI who are undergoing dialysis costing the U.S. federal government, through Medicare, $88,000.

He added that Hardt Eye Clinic is also the first among the Pacific Islands to be a certified diabetes education clinic. "My whole professional life, I've been passionate about diabetes. I see a lot of patients who have massive bleeding in their eyes, some have diabetes and some are in dialysis."

Hardt even cited a study made by Morgan Stanley, a multinational financial services corporation, where it showed sugar intake could stunt the growth of the global economy. Diabetes and obesity is sometimes referred to as "diabesity" as both are synonymous to each other.

"Thirty-five percent of adults in the U.S. [mainland] are obese. The CNMI is worse since it is almost 50 percent higher than of the 50 other states," said Hardt, who added that obesity results to diabetes and the latter would affect your eyes through glaucoma.

He said that water remains the best drink out there and that people should start changing their eating habits and diet.

"Change your diet, exercise, and drink lots of water. You will loose weight and that happened to me when I followed this type of lifestyle."

Hardt was one of the speakers during a public comment period in last month's House session that debated the sugar tax bill of Ogumoro. ***(Jon Perez)***

# Local-born writer searches for own voice

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Saipan writer Andrew David Roberto reads his short story "The Talisman" to a crowd at the launch of the Festival of Pacific Arts literary anthology "Local Voices" last month.

Graduating from college with a degree in English Literature and reading various kinds of fiction from different parts of the world throughout the years, Andrew David Roberto, a local-born writer, is still on the lookout for his "own kind of literature," a literature that as a young person from Saipan, in the Northern Marianas Islands, can relate too.

He realizes, though, that he might have to be the one to write these.

Roberto, whose short story "The Talisman" is featured in the Festival of Pacific Arts literary publication "Local Voices," which was launched this month, is primarily a writer for the stage, and had his play "Nobena Para San Jude," which centers on a local man haunted by abuse, was produced as part of FestPac activities this month.

Roberto says in reading many stories during college he found "a universality" but also encountered a distinct "inability to see myself" in them. "How can I identify with the fall, the autumn season? How can I identify with rugged mountaintops, or just geography and histories that are just not anything of my own? So I had that real thirst for it," Roberto told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview.

Roberto attributes a spark of insight to a class he took on Pacific literature when he was studying at the University of Guam.

Still, even though he was able to read a range of writing from fellow Pacific islanders, Roberto came away feeling there was a lack of Chamorro literature.

**» Roberto wants to help establish modern Chamorro literature**

"There's I want to say a dearth of Chamorro literature. But that's not totally true because there are so many Chamorro poets—"Local Voices" is proof of that. But I wanted something that I could read in sitting that spoke to me in a genre that I was thirsting for. And it came to me that I would have to write these kind of things."

Roberto believes the people that populate his stories are your real-deal everyday Chamorros. "I want to reflect on our own history. Because most of the time when there is Chamorro literature, they harken back to an ancient time. Or they harken back to a time before World War II. And that's great and it has its place, but what about in a hundred years when they want to study who we are? The guy sitting on this bench in 2016. There isn't too much literature like that. And I thought that's pretty sad."

Reading the short story "Talisman," for one, a reader will encounter a young man soul-searching, but for what, it is not too clear. Like many young men out there, Benefício navigates a lucid and self-anxious haze of self-scrutiny, spurts of academic and intellectual success, and rapport that is muddled with drugs, bars, inattention, and the ever-unattainable "Eve" or siren that linger in their dreams and pain their waking life. The item that anchors this trip of self-reflection is a relic from the past, a human bone dug up from an ancient Chamorro burial site, that Benefacio wears around his neck.

Speaking toward his FestPac play, which was performed by actors on Guam this month and leading up to FestPac, Roberto says it is about a man named Vicente Camacho, who puts on a novena for his patron saint, St. Jude, every year.

However, this year, things end disastrously for Vicente. And that sets him off on a downward spiral heavily explored in the play.

Roberto believes the play deals with the things he sees that perpetuate violence in the Chamorro culture.

"There is a machismo factor. There is a definite machismo that I feel sometimes that there are some family members, sometimes your uncle, sometimes your grandfather, who really want you to act in a strict narrowly defined masculine way. And I feel through the course of my play—that these things that some of these characters do to Vicente in the past—that we need to weed those out. So I chose the genre of tragedy because it allows of catharsis and purging of these anti-social behaviors. That's why I chose to do it in tragedy. That's why I chose to do it in this genre."

Roberto, who has studied and worked in Guam for the last several years, calls Saipan his "root."

"I live in Guam these days but I feel like I carry Koblerville in my heart wherever I go. It will never leave. In fact, it comes out of me in ways I don't even think. So to adapt to the Guamanian audience I ask that they speak in the Guamanian Chamorro dialect. Here in Guam, there are different ways to say Saint Jude," for example.

"I asked them to correct that and they did. But there is another word in my play, and it is actually derogatory. The word is palajuana. That's a derogatory term on Saipan, for a homosexual man. Now in Guam, they don't use that. They have their own derogatory term. I didn't know that. That was part of my 'Saipanese' I guess that came out of me through my writing without even me having to think."

Still, Roberto thinks the differences between Guam and Saipan Chamorro language and culture, though often highlighted and touted, are not that important.

In his next project, Roberto says he wants to address these "supposed differences."

"There's a lot of difference at the surface. But when you go into these things you are going to find that we are a lot similar. In a lot of ways, this machismo, this narrowly defined masculinity goes across all the islands. That I feel is an important way that we are alike. That's why I feel I am Saipanese, but at the same time I am Guamanian, but at the same time, I am always Chamorro. And the Chamorro is, we are, very similar across the islands.

Roberto's sources of inspiration? He lists Samoan poet Albert Wendt and Native American superstar author Sherman Alexie, among some of them.

"Alexie is huge inspiration for me because I didn't know you could be an indigenous writer and have such strength and such love of your art form. And be highly regarded. So Sherman Alexie goes up there."

Roberto is also inspired by Guam writer Michael Bevacqua, a UOG professor, poet, and activist, and also the playwright Tennessee Williams, famous for his classic plays *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *The Glass Menagerie*, among others.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold a special board meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building. The following agenda will be considered and public attendance is welcome.

**AGENDA***

I. **Preliminary Matters**
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Reading of Notice Calling Special Meeting
D. Adoption of Agenda
E. Correspondence

II. **Public Comments** **

III. **Board Resolution No. 2016-02**

IV. **Executive Session*****
A. CPA/CUC Settlement Agreement

V. **Adjournment**

* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda may be modified during the meeting.
** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
*** Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**AMENDMENT #02**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Vice Chairman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Regular Board Meeting scheduled on **Saturday, June 04, 2016 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Saipan has been canceled.** The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

*(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)*

**IGNACIO L. PEREZ**
Vice Chair of the Board

# Joyner to assess NMIS' instruction and operation systems

Northern Marianas International School has teamed with Dr. John B. Joyner to conduct a three-month assessment of its instruction and operation systems. This Fall marks the fourth year NMIS has functioned in the CNMI as a private learning institution and, according to Erick Van Der Maas, president, "We need now to conduct a methodical review of our entire structure to assess the ongoing viability of our instruction techniques."

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Dr. John B. Joyner is set to conduct a three-month assessment of Northern Marianas International School's instruction and operation systems.

Van Der Maas described Joyner as "one of the best things that has happened to NMIS" and that the opportunity to team with him in the assessment "guides NMIS to enter one of the most creative periods of our professional life."

He added that Joyner has already applied for accreditation for the school and has designed a 24/7/365 "education hotline" for families enrolled in NMIS.

Joyner's classroom instructor spectrum includes preschool, elementary, high school, undergraduate, and graduate school assignments. He earned an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education and graduate degrees in Divinity, Speech Pathology, and Communication Disorders/Clinical Psychology.

Joyner is a CNMI government retiree, an ardent advocate for life-long learning, honoring the skills and abilities of senior citizens, and empowering *man'amko*. He said, "I am ecstatic to team with NMIS on this project as a way of "giving back." ***(PR)***

# NMC to host 'Cash for College' workshop on June 18

The Northern Marianas College and College Access Challenge Grant program will be hosting a free "Cash for College" workshop that is aimed at assisting students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at the NMC As Terlaje campus in Building A. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 3pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid (SHEFA), and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the College's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), tax forms, and proof of CNMI residency for 2014 and 2015, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport or a voter registration card.

The free "Cash for College" workshop is made possible by the financial support of the U.S. Department of Education's College Access Challenge Grant program. This federal program aims to increase the number of students from underrepresented minority populations enrolled in college.

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792 or emaildaisy.propst@marianas.edu. ***(PR)***

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Belated happy 24th birthday to this beautiful girl, Chrishia LG Dado, who celebrated her special day yesterday, May 31. May the good Lord continue to guide you. We love you always. From Tata and Jenna.

# Cleanup Brigade sets sights on Laly 4 Beach this July 4

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be at it again picking up trash at Laly 4 Beach on Saturday, June 4, beginning 8 am.

If you would like to volunteer your time to clean and beautify our island, please meet the BECQ representatives on Saturday at Laly 4 Beach at 8 am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

May's Tank Beach Cleanup was successful with 17 volunteers participating. Thanks to Saipan Southern High School/ YEA Club, Marianas High School, and other volunteers about 160 lbs of marine debris was removed from the beach and properly disposed of.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a brigade T-shirt.

The BECQ is looking forward to a repeat success on Saturday, so join BECQ's monthly cleanup brigade and "Pick It Up!" Let us work together for the health of our coral reefs and cleanliness of our beaches for everyone to enjoy.

For more information about volunteering, please contact the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(PR)***

# DPW asks for motorists' patience on Isa Drive improvement work

The Department of Public Works is requesting the public's understanding and patience on road improvements they're currently undertaking on Isa Drive.

"You may experience slight inconveniences (i.e. construction noise/vibrations, redirection of travel lanes, etc.) related to the construction activities. We will do our best to keep the inconveniences to a minimum," said DPW in a statement.

The daily construction schedule of work is from 7am to 6pm, Monday-Friday with occasional work on Saturday and Sunday. Construction is expected to continue until May 2017 and will be completed in phases.

"We appreciate your understanding while we work to improve the roadway."

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact DPW at 235-5287/9750 or SSFM CNMI LLC (Construction Management) at 233-7770 or GPPC Inc. (Contractor) at 234-7900. ***(PR)***

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### June 1, 2000

#### NMI sees growth in number of idle business permits

In the absence of a law that requires off-island investors to put up their businesses on the island in a given period after the issuance of their respective investment visa certificates, the Northern Marianas may soon witness an increase in the number of unused permits. While no government data pertaining to the official number of unused business licenses were immediately available, the Department of Commerce disclosed one banking company based in Guam had applied for and was issued a license to operate in the CNMI but is yet to put up a branch here. Citizens Security Bank has been issued a license to operate in the Northern Marianas since May 1996 but is yet to open a branch after having its permit sit idle for a little over four years now.

#### Increase in PSS budget means extra $20 million

The proposed 10 percent increase in the Public School System's yearly budget appropriation could mean an extra $20 million for public education in the Northern Marianas. Given the projected $211 million CNMI revenues in Fiscal Year 2001, PSS would be entitled to $42.2 million for overall operations, according to a PSS budget history report. The figure is a far cry from 15 percent guaranteed appropriation as mandated by the constitution, or some $31.6 million.

Projected student enrollment for FY 2001 is targeted to reach 10,000 combining all 16 public schools on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

### June 1, 2004

#### New prison needs more personnel

The Department of Public Safety disclosed Thursday that it would be needing additional personnel to man the new correction facility, which is due to be completed by May 2005. In a report submitted to Gov. Juan N. Babauta, DPS commissioner Edward Camacho said that, although new correction officers are now in place, the facility would be needing more when the prison facility begins to operate fully by next year. He added that the police department is in critical need of new officers as a result of losing law enforcers to schools, retirement, resignation, and termination. Camacho also said that the department is now working on a Just Compensation Program for DPS personnel.

#### DHS opens $9M IT project grant

Beginning last week, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is accepting applications for a $9-million Information Technology Evaluation Program available to all 50 states, including insular areas such as CNMI, Guam, and among others. The DHS Office for Domestic Preparedness said that the project is aimed at improving information technology in combating terrorism. It will be collaboratively managed and administered by the ODP by means of cooperative agreements. Chief Information Officer Steve Cooper said information technology is a valuable tool in the war against terrorism, and the program allows all state, local and industry partners to develop and explore new projects to fight the war.

### June 1, 2005

#### New US wage bills 'insensitive' to the CNMI

The House leadership finds the recent introduction of two minimum wage hike bills in U.S. Congress "disconcerting" and "insensitive" to the CNMI. "We are concerned and alarmed by some of the U.S. congress's move to impose a minimum wage that is much higher than wages in this region. It shows a complete insensitivity to the economic realities in the CNMI, especially if you take into account the fuel surcharge, the decline in garment industry, the looming pullout of Japan Airlines, among several other discouraging economic developments. So it's very disconcerting," said House leadership spokesman Charles Reyes Jr.

He said the House leadership, led by Speaker Benigno R. Fitial, hopes that concerned government agencies—Washington Rep. Pete A. Tenorio and administration-hired lobbyists—can communicate the CNMI's concerns on the bills. The bills—H.R. 2429, introduced by Democrat Rep. George Miller, and S.1062, introduced by Democrat Sen. Edward M. Kennedy—seek to raise the minimum federal wage to $5.85 per hour beginning on the 60th day after the date of enactment into law; then $6.55 an hour beginning a year later; and $7.25 an hour, two years later.

#### TDHC execs eye more China flights

Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino chairman Michael Kwan and general manager Tom Liu disclosed yesterday that the hotel is negotiating with airline companies to bring in tourists from the Chinese capital in Beijing, which might possibly kick off by mid-July. The hotel executives also disclosed that TDHC will build a waterpark as part of further improving its facilities and attractions. They said the project is currently at the design phase. Kwan and Liu said that the hotel has been working with Century Travel and Tours in chartering flights from Beijing to the CNMI. The hotel would target businessmen and the upper middle class of Beijing as clients. Kwan and Liu also disclosed that the hotel's sales team in China has been targeting big companies, which provide package tours as incentive for their employees and clients.

# 'Recognizing EMS' importance in the community'

PHOTOS BY JON PEREZ

Fire cadets, left, prepare cheeseburgers and hotdogs that were given for free in last Saturday's EMS Fun Day at the Susupe Fire Station.

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Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Commissioner Clyde K. Norita said recognizing the importance of the service given by his personnel is the reason behind the EMS Family Fun Day. The event was held for the second straight year last Saturday at the Susupe Fire Station.

Norita said they created their own committee that conceptualized the first staging of the event last year. "This is part of the EMS month every May and is the offspring of a committee that got together so we could recognize the importance of EMS in the community."

Norita said they also hold CPR and EMT certifications during EMS Month. Last year they certified a total of 280 people in giving CPR on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

"This year we are targeting 500 for the three islands. We also go to schools explaining to them all about first aid and calling 911," said Norita, who was a former lawmaker and commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

DFEMS will then recognize all outstanding EMT's on June 14. Rota, Tinian, the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting, and Priority Care have one nominee each, while Saipan has three from the Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie shifts.

"We're going to recognize the outstanding EMT's that was selected by a committee. All are nominated for the Most Outstanding EMT, whether it is a gentleman or lady, and will receive a separate plaque," added Norita.

Yvette Sablan thanks all the sponsors and everyone who came and supported the 2nd Annual EMS Fun Day.

Not even a 20-plus minute downpour could stop the event, which was open to the public where kids played various games and had other fun activities while their moms and dads enjoy listening to live music.

Sparky is a favorite among the kids.

Burgers, hotdogs, shaved ice, popcorn, and other refreshments were given for free courtesy of Best Sunshine International, Ltd., which also provided other logistics for the event.

Department of Homeland Security's Mark Borja and Patrick Cepeda were crowned the best chefs in the Spam Cook-off with Fire's Pat George and Jesse Mesa placing second. Teams prepared one appetizer and main dish.

DFEMS' Charlie Shift ruled the softball tournament with ARFF and DPS placing second and third, respectively. Homeland was given the Sportsmanship Award.

Norita, a former executive director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, also thanked overall committee chair Yvette Sablan and their partners—Priority Care, CPA, Homeland, DPS, Marianas Health, and Red Cross—for the event.

A girl, center, tries to win a prize in the mini basketball shoot around.

Department of Public Safety personnel, right, explains the importance of using child and booster car seats in keeping your kids safe.

Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services' Charlie Shift were the softball champions.

Fire's Pat George, left, and Jesse Mesa, middle, receive the $50 check from D&Q sales manager Marylyn Marron.

Homeland's Mark Borja, left, and Patrick Cepeda, middle, show off the bag of goodies they won and $50 check from D&Q.

# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

## Netanyahu's loose cannon

Avigdor Lieberman is detested by the military he's supposed to lead.

In naming Avigdor Lieberman to the post of defense minister last week, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu erased virtually any chance of peace with the Palestinians and instead presented the world with a far right-wing government more extreme than any in his country's history.

Lieberman heads a small, ultra-nationalist religious party whose votes Netanyahu desperately needs in order to shore up his Likud bloc's shaky coalition in the Israeli Knesset. But he is detested by the Israeli military establishment he is now set to lead and is anathema to Palestinians who dream of having their own state. His appointment is likely to further strain U.S.-Israeli relations already frayed over the Iran nuclear deal and to deepen the polarization of Israel's domestic politics at a time when the Jewish state can ill afford either.

The appointment of such a divisive figure to what is widely considered the second most important office in Israel's government would present a problem for any American president and decades of official U.S. policy aimed at bringing about a two-state solution in which Jews and Palestinians live side by side in peace. The only possible exception to that long-standing consensus is Donald Trump, whose shoot-from-the-lip musings during the campaign suggested he would wash his hands of the U.S.-Israeli diplomatic and military relationship as he would America's defense commitments in Europe and Asia. Netanyahu often seems oblivious to the impact of his policies on American public opinion; if he hopes a Republican administration in Washington will automatically be more sympathetic to Israel, however, he should think again.

Yet Lieberman makes even Trump look like a paragon of circumspection. He's threatened to force Arab Israelis to take loyalty oaths and to behead those who refuse — a gruesome image that calls to mind the atrocities committed by the Islamic State. He's also said he would order Israeli forces to bomb the Aswan Dam and reconquer Gaza in the event of a war with Egypt, and he's denounced as traitors Israeli Jews who call for the government to withdraw from the West Bank.

Earlier this month he heaped praise on an Israeli soldier who shot a Palestinian detainee in the head after he had surrendered, to the dismay of Israeli defense officials who condemned the unprovoked shooting as unacceptable. But Lieberman made a point of leaping to the killer's defense.

That incident provoked a rift between the government and Israel's military establishment that led Netanyahu to sack his then-defense minister, Moshe Yaalon, and replace him with Lieberman — never mind that Lieberman's knowledge or experience with military matters is all but nonexistent.

Yaalon, a former army chief of staff, was committed to preserving the Israeli Army as a people's army. He's been described as a soldier's soldier who demanded Israel's armed forces uphold the highest standards of moral and ethical integrity despite having to operate in one of the world's most dangerous neighborhoods. Given his replacement's intemperate pronouncements, it's doubtful whether Lieberman shares that commitment, or whether Netanyahu's new cabinet can heal the breach exposed by Yaalon's departure.

Yet Lieberman will now be the top official in Israel's defense establishment, which undoubtedly will complicate the

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# Hillary Clinton still stalked by the shadow of her email mistakes

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While Hillary Clinton chases around California trying to nail down the Democratic nomination for president, she continues to be chased by the "scandal" over the private email server she used while she was secretary of state. As scandals go, this one is fairly puny, but it is, nevertheless, a nagging problem,

A new report done by the State Department's inspector general slammed Clinton for failing to get authorization for using a private email account instead of the department's official system. The report also said she had violated the Federal Records Act by not turning over all of her emails before she left her job as the nation's No. 1 diplomat.

Clinton aides told the inspector general that she used her own system because she did not want her private emails to get leaked. Contrary to what the report says, Clinton has claimed that she got permission from the department to utilize her personal account for job-related messaging. Officials at the State Department, though, said "Secretary Clinton never demonstrated to them that her private server or mobile device met minimum information security requirements."

There are quite a few odd details to this story that are being reported on cable news, like the fact that the official procedure for keeping a record of emails at the State Department is to print each one of them out. Imagine the mountains of paper that are piling up in a vast government warehouse somewhere! President George W. Bush's secretary of state, Colin Powell, never bothered to print his out, despite urging from State Department minions, thus breaking the rules, too. Pres. Bill Clinton's secretary of state, Madeline Albright, never used email at all. How did she communicate? Post-its?

Over the last year, Hillary Clinton has delivered to the department tens of thousands of the email messages she received or sent during her tenure. The inspector general, however, says she missed a few, which leaves room for conspiracy theorists to imagine she is hiding something really sinister.

The FBI is still investigating whether any top secret stuff got compromised by Clinton. If they were to find classified material was mishandled knowingly or through gross negligence, somebody could face criminal charges. Out on the campaign trail, Donald Trump has been gleefully saying that the somebody facing jail time could be Hillary.

Documents get stamped "classified" in a sometimes arbitrary fashion. In many cases, the designation gets tacked on well after many eyes have seen the information. Clinton insists nothing that passed through her email system was classified at the time she saw it. All of this seems a bit sloppy — both on the part of Clinton and the State Department. Nevertheless, it does not, so far, add up to anything close to a real scandal, such as Watergate, Iran-Contra or Teapot Dome. There are no burglars breaking into the offices of the political opposition. No money laundering. No trading of arms for hostages. No payoffs to high government officials. It's just bad email management and, on a less lofty level, plenty of us are guilty of that.

Still, the appearance that Clinton may have fibbed about whether she had permission to have a private account plays into her biggest problem: trust. For a host of reasons — including the cloud of bogus right-wing allegations that has hovered over her since her days in Arkansas, as well as her own inclination to be less than forthright about many questions — millions of voters think Hillary is a liar. This has to be infuriating for her since she surely sees herself as a straight shooter compared with Trump, a showman who overstates, exaggerates and fabricates every time he opens his mouth.

Hillary has been waiting for this one shoe to drop from the State Department. Now, she waits for the other to fall from the FBI. My bet is that it will produce, at most, a bump on the head, not a campaign calamity. Yet, even if the FBI gives her full exoneration, those who despise her will not be swayed. Hillary Clinton may be the most examined, investigated and vetted woman in America, but some folks will always believe she is hiding something big.

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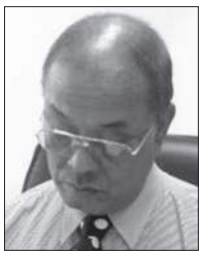

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*Special to the* Saipan Tribune

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Tradision i modun linala` ni mapasa papa` hinerasion pot hinerasion. Adumididi` ma-adelanta, siglu pot siglu, gi halom kinalamten linala` espirituat, kuttura, finacho`chu` i grupu, sakrifisiu, ekspirensia, yan hinanau todu.

Hu akanteha este na asuntu pot para bai komprende hafa tradision Chamorro pa`gu. Huñgan, hagas gaige gi finaposta fangualu`an yan peskan tasi. Dispues, maliñgu gi santatte gi hinalom i Navy yan dispues i gobietnun Trust Territory. Planun Amerikanu desde tutuhon.

Ta abandona tradision fangualu`an yan peska pot mas libianu macho`chu` gi fina` offisiu entalu` gobietnu yan praibet. Adumididi` mabasiha guatu gi kometsiu linala` natibu. Esta tafafahan i guihan gi kantun chalan dimas de tafan peska. Manhanau hit guatu gi metkau lancheru pot golai yan gulusina.

Sige finana`guen finu` Eñglis ni ta sedi kumu liñguahen famaguonta desde oga`an estake u fan deskansa `an pueñge. Manmaliñgu hit gi estrakada yan chandan tiinilaika.

Pues haf` pa`gu tradision-ta? Mapot hu oppe sa` i hagas mapasa kumu tradision ni mañaina-ta maliñgu. Kontodu mapo`lun tanu` familia para i famaguon-ta gaige na magu`ot para umabende gi tautau hiyuñg. Madirite este na tradision gi halom interes salape`. Mas umapattau i hagas hihot yan managofli`e na familia.

Yangin in` atan kabales haf` chumalapon yan dumestrosia tradision natibu siempre in` li`e tihoñgiyun na dos attikulu ni yumamag sin ditension sustansian estorian tautau-ta. Mampos hana abarambau hinanau-ta ya ti siña ta apunta haf` pa`gu tradision i tanu`. Lau areglun linala`ta gaige gi dos patman kanai-ta. Guaha mohon chansa ma-abiban sustansian natibu?

### Komplikau Para Mona

Inipos komplikau finaposta pa`gu. Ti nuebu i mañgahuhulu` na asuntu. Lau hagas man-rikohe tantus basula estake loka`ña ke hegsu` I Deni`.

Desde kara` (broke) i CUC yan para mona mas menos rinikohen aduana (tax) siempre ha palo`pu` i tautau siha gi señgsoñg sin ditension. I maribahan hutnaleros ginen hiyuñg ha punu` i mandikiki` siha na bisnis kontodu man-dañkulu. Todu kinalamten adelantu man-gini`ot tatte.

Seguruyu` na gaige giya monana este na asuntu gi hinasson i gobietnu yan haf` satbasioña i makat na sapet ginen tailaye na lai federat. Debi i gobietnu u chule` i asuntu direktamiente guatu gi as Presidente Obama pot makat na destrosiu gi linala` i tanu`.

Atoridat disposision immigration gaige ennau gi federat ya ni manu na kotte siempe mana` klaru haf` fuetsaña pot este na asuntu. Komprendiyon. Responsablidat-ta para fanu`e si Obama na i otru banda gaige asuntun pot linala` tautau. Estague` sumen presisu na ta apunta huyuñg gi pinetsigen satbasion este na asuntu.

### Kada sakan diskuidu

Kada sakan na diskuidu ginen offisiat publiku esta tres años tatte maluñu` linala` i tautau. Ayu `nai mas anog este `an in` atan kau guaha adelantu gi pottanmonedan familia.

Pot mas ke benti años taya` adelantu gi ha`anen empleau siha gi halom baba na ekonomia. Kase sisienta años tatte `nai manmapega linala` i tautau siha ginen este na diskuidu. Haye mumirese didog na chinatsaga ginen diskuidun offisiat publiku ni taya` bindan niniha?

Ti namanman na mas ke tres mit na tautau-ta dumiñgu i tanu` gigon mañgiñge` na siempre te`ug na chinatsaga para umapadese `an tiha mueba siha. Namagof `nai hu huñgog na siha yan siha man-a`ayuda gi nuebu siha na finattu lagu ginen Marianas.

Sessu man-daña pot para umarinueba desde liñguahe yan man-mañge` siha na bokan tano`ta guihe lagu. `An tiempun ha`anen gupot noche buena, man-daña gi un` lugat man-nobena ya mañgiñge` i Niño. Man-chagu` lau gaige ha` i metgot na sensian famaguon isla.

Gi nuebu na lugat niha, mas megai appottunidat cho`chu`, mauleg na sisteman edukasion, hospitat yan trañkilu na komunida `nai mañasaga. Homlu` na tinituhon para i famaguon niha. Dudayu` kau umasoda` parehu appottunidat `an mañaga gi halom rimulinon taya` appottunidat guine.

### Gi Puntan Chalan

Kase guaha giya hita fumatoigue un` puntan chalan `nai ta husga finapos-ta gi halom rimulinon kutturan otru ni ti umaya yan tradision natibu. Sahñge na modu finapos-ta yan haf` sustansian natibu. Estague` na puntu `nai ta dibina manu na chalan para tatatiye—akague pat agapa`.

I presente na modun linala` seguru na siempre ha funas tradision natibu petmanente. I asuntu mauleg ta diskute pot para ta esgaihon para manu hit.

Dañkulu na chanda este na asuntu. Pa`gu na benefisiu ginen finana`guen Amerikanu ni dumisplanta sustansian natibu. Haf` este siha na asuntu `sino destrosiu yan kau listu i natibu umina yan kumorihe i man-chogue siha? Gai minakat pot rason na siempre kada unu debi u pesa pinayoña kontra dignu na modun linala` natibu ni numesessita dañkulu na sakrifisiu.

Siña ilegta na ti makat. Bira hau tatte ya un` atan sa` desde liñguahe yan neñkanu` megai tinilaika. Dispues, ekuñgog famaguon natibu gi usun liñguahen niha. Desde oga`an manfinu` Eñglis estake man-deskansa an pueñge. Masaluda hau "hello" ti "halo"! Lagse` man-finu` Eñglis ke Chamorro `sino Karolinas.

I natibu hagas fafacho`chu` piot gi uttimon semana gi lanchun familia. Pa`gu, gaige na gumagalileg gi siyan sufa gi menan television mientras duru ha sumukegue` ice cream yan fina` mames siha. Kontentu! Gi karera mona `nai luma amku` ha tutuhon umuguñg pot puti yan haf` siha na chinatsagan hinemlu`. Estague` kase presiun modetnu na Marianas!

Mañgakanta I Tropa: Yangin manlagnos mas ke $3 Miyon si Señor Takahisa Yamamoto apas i MV Luta dispues ti manatuñgu` pot i $400,000 ni hana` ma-apprueba illigat si Biktot Hokog, siña i mañaunau gi disposision salape` publiku mapresenta taumanu magastaña este na fondu?

Guaha siha infotmasion pot patten salape` para si fulanu yan fulana lau ti klaru sessu ginen manu na fondu `nai humuyung. Lau sige pa`gu man-dañkulun ulu` mañgunanaf ginen malumot ya makat man-matiges sa` inipos yinemog niha. Dispues, tinatitiye otru nuebu na residenten ulu` yan birak gi santatte.

Finu` man-amku`, "Todu tinituhon ni ti mauleg siempre ti mauleg uttimoña". Estague` na chalan `nai sulun i asuntu ya sige pa`gu man-a`suspecha i tropan man-mapatte.

# Bernie Sanders should stay in the race

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Not that he needs my particular encouragement, but Bernie Sanders should ignore calls for party unity and continue to wage his campaign until the Democratic convention in July.

I have my own political opinions, of course, but this issue has less to do with politics than with patriotism. Ironically, Americans who really want to put America first may have to put aside their party and factional loyalties in service of the well-being of the nation.

This includes Sanders supporters who threaten to stay away from the polls if Hillary Clinton is nominated, as well as Republicans whose natural inclination is to support their party, despite its nominee. If we all have to become Never Trumpers to protect the nation, then let's get started.

Back to Sanders in a moment. The two candidates most likely to compete for the presidency in November are Clinton and Donald Trump, who, as others have noted, are two of the most disliked candidates in decades.

A recent ABC/Washington Post poll saw Trump receive a 60 percent unfavorable rating and found Clinton not far behind — or ahead — at 53 percent. The difference between the two is that Trump's unfavorable rating is likely to go down while Clinton's is likely to go up.

We saw the worst of Trump from the beginning, but his crude, condescending, unfiltered narcissism didn't put off primary voters. And now that he appears to have the nomination wrapped up, he wisely is nurturing a more even-handed, moderate, presidential image. And as more leading Republicans accept the inevitability of his candidacy, his unfavorable rating is likely to go only one way: down.

Clinton, on the other hand, appeared to have the nomination wrapped up from the beginning but still can't achieve an unfavorable rating below 50 percent. While more scrutiny of Clinton is hard to imagine, if she gets the nomination, the scandalous issues Republicans will raise will have to compete for attention.

Benghazi. The Clinton Foundation. Her reactions to her husband's affairs. Travelgate. Whitewater. The Wall Street speeches. The list is impressive. Last week, Trump even brought up the suicide of a Bill Clinton deputy White House counsel, Vince Foster.

The allegations against Clinton don't have to have merit in order to have legs. But it appears that some of them do have merit. Her vote in favor of the ill-advised Iraq War, for example, or the fabricated sniper fire in Sarajevo.

And on May 25, the State Department's inspector general delivered to Congress a report critical of Clinton's use of a personal email server installed at her residence during her four-year tenure as secretary of state. Clinton has already admitted that conducting State Department business on a private server was a mistake. But the inspector's report calls into question a number of the arguments that Clinton has made in defense of the practice and, at best, portrays her as careless and capricious with regard to the department's policies and regulations.

Where does this leave Sanders? If Clinton is nominated, I doubt that many Sanders supporters would actually vote for Trump. But last week an avid tea party friend of mine said that if he had to choose between Trump and Sanders, he might well vote for Sanders.

Of course, this makes no sense politically. But it's a strange political season and his theoretical vote for Sanders might have as much rational depth as do the reasons many voters give for supporting Trump or Clinton.

In fact, Trump and Clinton notwithstanding, American politics may still have room for a truly authentic politician who doesn't equivocate about where he wants to take the country.

So Sanders should stay in the race. One likely candidate for president has trouble with truth and transparency and, after decades in the public eye, still has trouble getting people to like her.

The other candidate has trouble with reality and represents a genuinely scary turn for our republic.

Sanders? We could do worse.

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country's military and diplomatic relationships with the U.S. and Europe. Israel's position in Washington, in particular, won't be strengthened by a defense minister so obviously at odds with Israel's military leaders.

How that will play out in terms of U.S. military equipment sales to Israel and joint initiatives such as cyberwarfare and ballistic missile defense may depend largely on how well the long standing ties between the two countries can be maintained despite the Israeli government's radical tilt to the right. So far, the Obama administration has taken a pragmatic, let's-do-business approach. But that could change if Lieberman actually moved to implement the radical agenda he espouses. He's a dangerously loose cannon rolling around the deck of Israel's ship of state and he could just as easily sink it as save it.

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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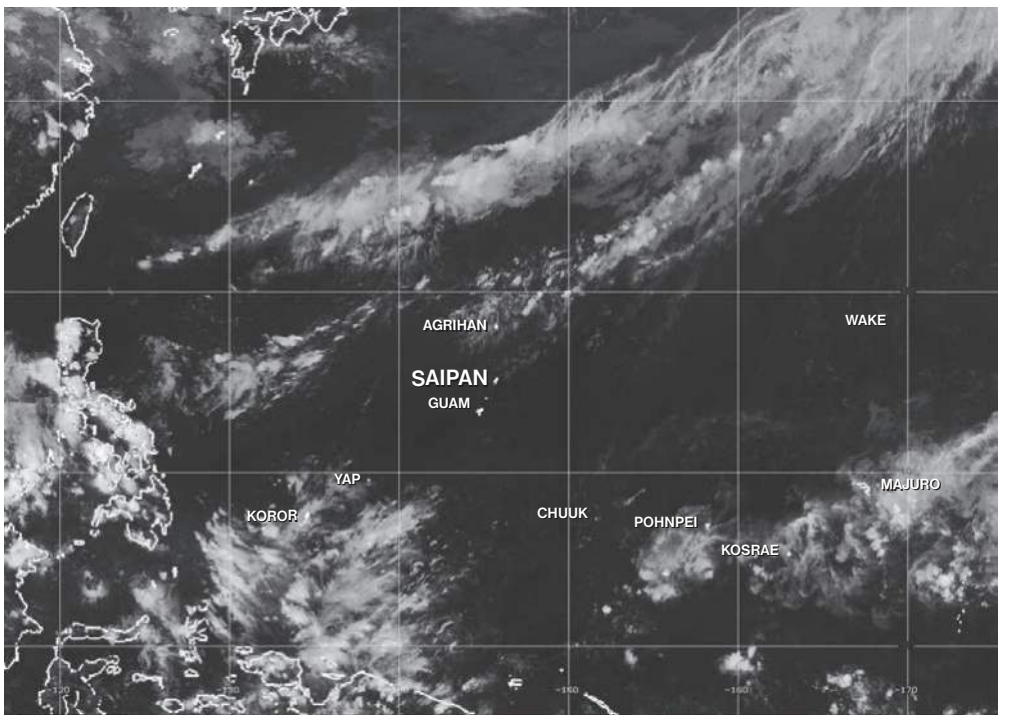


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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 75 miles either side of a line from well northwest of Koror at 15N130E to 17N135E to 21N150E to 25N156E. This includes the far Northern Mariana Islands as well as Miniami Torishima. An upper-level low centered north of Koror at 9N134E is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near and south of Koror between 2N and 8N from 133E to 140E. A surface trough stretches from south of Pohnpei near 2N156E to north of Majuro at 9N172E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with this feature are found in the area bounded by 4N155E to 12N172E to 7N180 to 2N180 to 5N173E back to 4N155E. This includes Kosrae, Kwajalein and Majuro and is just south of Pohnpei.

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## Micronesia

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|---|---|---|---|
| Guam And Rota | Partly Cloudy | ▲88 | ▼81 |
| Palau | Thunderstorms | ▲87 | ▼78 |
| Yap | Partly Cloudy | ▲92 | ▼79 |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | ▲87 | ▼80 |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | ▲87 | ▼77 |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorms | ▲84 | ▼80 |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | ▲83 | ▼80 |

## Around the Globe

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|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Thundershowers | ▲57 | ▼45 |
| Beijing | Mostly Sunny | ▲88 | ▼60 |
| Hong Kong | Thundershowers | ▲89 | ▼83 |
| Honolulu | Showers | ▲81 | ▼72 |
| London | Showers | ▲62 | ▼54 |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | ▲79 | ▼59 |
| Manila | Thunderstorms | ▲88 | ▼77 |
| Melbourne | Partly Cloudy | ▲63 | ▼40 |
| Miami | Partly Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼76 |
| New York | Mostly Sunny | ▲86 | ▼66 |
| Osaka | Partly Cloudy | ▲77 | ▼60 |
| Paris | Showers | ▲69 | ▼59 |
| Pusan | Mostly Sunny | ▲77 | ▼58 |
| Rome | Showers | ▲71 | ▼60 |
| Salem | Mostly Sunny | ▲90 | ▼56 |
| San Francisco | Partly Cloudy | ▲68 | ▼53 |
| Seoul | Sunny | ▲88 | ▼60 |
| Tokyo | Partly Cloudy | ▲78 | ▼61 |
| Washington, DC | Partly Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼67 |

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| 4:50 AM | Today | High Tide: | 2.0 Feet |
| 11:41 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.3 Feet |
| 5:41 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.6 Feet |
| 11:23 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.6 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

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| Thursday | 5:46 AM | 6:44 PM |
| Friday | 5:46 AM | 6:45 PM |
| Saturday | 5:46 AM | 6:45 PM |
| Sunday | 5:46 AM | 6:45 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

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| Today | 2:13 AM | 2:45 PM |
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| Saturday | 4:46 AM | 5:47 PM |
| Sunday | 5:42 AM | 6:51 PM |

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| UA2922 | 8:40am | 9:30am | Daily |
| UA2921 | 1:30pm | 3:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota |
| UA2920 | 2:20pm | 3:10pm | 2, 3, 6 |
| UA2928 | 6:05pm | 6:55pm | Daily |
| UA2926 | 9:50pm | 10:40pm | Daily |

### SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

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| UA2921 | 1:30pm | 2:05pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

### ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

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| UA2921 | 2:35pm | 3:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

### SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

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| DL297 | 4:20pm | 7:05pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 |

### SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

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| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ626 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 4:35am | 8:30am | Daily |
| 7C3401 | 4:30pm | 8:25pm | Daily |

### SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

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| OZ608 | 3:10am | 6:20am | 4, 7 |

### SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

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| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

### SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

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| MU764 | 1:30am | 6:35am | 3, 5, 7 |

### SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |

### SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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| OZ626/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA2924/191 | 4:15am | 8:55am | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA2924/PR111 | 4:15am | 9:15am | Daily via GUM |
| UA2922/183 | 8:40am | 8:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA2922/193 | 8:40am | 10:35pm | 2, 5 via GUM-ROR |
| UA2921/183 | 1:30pm | 8:50pm | 5 via Rota-GUM |
| UA2921/193 | 1:30pm | 10:35pm | 5 via Rota-GUM-ROR |
| UA2921/191 | 1:30pm | 8:55am+1 | 1, 5 via Rota-GUM |
| UA2920/183 | 2:20pm | 8:50pm | 2 via GUM |
| UA2920/193 | 2:20pm | 10:35pm | 2 via GUM-ROR |
| UA2920/191 | 2:20pm | 8:55am+1 | 2, 6 via GUM |
| UA2928/191 | 6:05pm | 8:55am+1 | 1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA2926/191 | 9:50pm | 8:55am+1 | 1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM |

### SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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| OZ626/721 | 2:20am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/721 | 2:50am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA2922/159 | 8:40am | 9:55pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA2921/159 | 1:30pm | 9:55pm | 1, 5 via Rota-GUM |
| UA2920/159 | 2:20pm | 9:55pm | 3, 6 via GUM |

## ARRIVALS

### GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

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| UA2923 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| UA2925 | 7:15am | 8:05am | Daily |
| UA2921 | 12:10pm | 1:00pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA2920 | 12:10pm | 1:50pm | 2, 3, 6 via Rota |
| UA2927 | 4:45pm | 5:35pm | Daily |
| UA2929 | 8:30pm | 9:20pm | Daily |

### GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

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| UA2920 | 12:10pm | 12:45pm | 2, 3, 6 |

### ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

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| UA2920 | 1:15pm | 1:50pm | 2, 3, 6 |

### NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

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| DL298 | 10:30am | 3:05pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 |

### SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

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| 7C3402 | 10:10am | 3:30pm | Daily |
| OZ625 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ625 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 7C3404 | 10:10pm | 3:30am+1 | Daily |

### BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

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| OZ607 | 9:05pm | 1:55am+1 | 3, 6 |

### SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

### BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

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| MU763 | 4:40pm | 12:30am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |

### GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

### MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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| UA190/2929 | 9:55am | 9:20pm | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
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| PR110/UA2925 | 10:05pm | 8:05am+1 | Daily via GUM |
| UA192/2925 | 9:45pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 5 via ROR-GUM |
| UA192/2920 | 9:45pm | 1:50pm+1 | 2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota |
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| UA192/2929 | 9:45pm | 9:20pm+1 | 2, 5 via ROR-GUM |
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| UA184/2920 | 11:30pm | 1:50pm+1 | 2, 5 via GUM-Rota |
| UA184/2927 | 11:30pm | 5:35pm+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA184/2929 | 11:30pm | 9:20pm+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |

### HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA116/2925 | 9:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA116/2921 | 9:55pm | 1:00pm+1 | 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA116/2920 | 9:55pm | 1:50pm+1 | 1, 5 via GUM-Rota |
| UA116/2927 | 9:55pm | 5:35pm+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA116/2929 | 9:55pm | 9:20pm+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

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### ROTA TO SAIPAN

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# Business

## Wal-Mart steps up online efforts in China as a key to future

**SHANGHAI** (AP)—Wal-Mart's tiny warehouse in eastern Shanghai doesn't look like much. But it's a key part of the company's strategy to win over grocery customers in China who are fast heading online.

Inside, on a recent visit, a reporter found six-packs of toilet paper and bottles of oil on the concrete floor next to piles of boxes filled with other groceries. In the corner, a Wal-Mart employee punched orders into a computer. Moped drivers whizzed in and out, loading up goods to be delivered to apartment buildings within a few miles.

It's one of 250 hubs that Wal-Mart's Yihaodian e-commerce venture owns and operates in 200 cities, mostly concentrated in eight key cities like Shanghai and Beijing. All offer quick delivery of groceries.

How quick? Within three hours in some places for 100 to 150 items; overnight in others that extend to several hundred thousand grocery items.

Wal-Mart has been stepping up its efforts to get a bigger share of China's overall online business, which now has surpassed the U.S. and dominates globally. Last July, four years after buying a minority stake, the world's largest retailer took full control over Yihaodian, founded in 2008. But Wal-Mart's overall online share is tiny in China, and some analysts say it's going to be hard to close the gap with the big Chinese giants like Alibaba and JD.com.

AP

In this Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015, photo, a worker yawns as another arranges various meats at a Wal-Mart in Shenzhen, in southern China's Guangdong province.

Where Yihaodian has 250 hubs, Alibaba has 14,000 in rural China alone that act as pick-up stations. And as of late March, JD.com had a total of nearly 6,000 delivery and pickup stations in 2,493 counties and districts across China.

"It will be very difficult for Wal-Mart to catch up in e-commerce," says Jason Yu, general manager of Kantar Worldpanel China, which specializes in research on Chinese shopping habits.

Wal-Mart is behind for many reasons. Most of these Chinese retailers have been online for years, and they understand the nuances of Chinese shopping behavior. Wal-Mart's online business has also been hobbled because it did not have full control over the Chinese venture.

Online, Wal-Mart has just 1.6 percent of China's overall online market, ranking it as No. 6, well behind No. 1 powerhouse Alibaba 46.9 percent and second-ranked JD.com's 20.1 percent, according to Euromonitor International, a global research firm. And the Chinese online giants and a swarm of smaller online food players are nibbling at Wal-Mart's food business.

Wal-Mart's goal is to be among the top three overall by expanding the number of hubs and blending its online services with its stores. Last year, it launched an app that lets shoppers order online and pick up the goods at the store in several southern cities including Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Dongguan. It's also focusing on high-quality goods at low prices. And so as it expands its offerings, it's highlighting imported food to cater to middle class shoppers looking for premium goods.

Wal-Mart is using food as a key strategy to get online shoppers to buy more frequently. If they become loyal food shoppers, they'll more likely buy other things like TVs and laptops. Getting its online business right is critical for Wal-Mart's overall success in China as the retailer, along with other big store rivals, wrestle with traffic declines at their stores.

In a country where shoppers like to feel and touch their vegetables, it may seem odd that online food shopping is taking off. But after some highly publicized food safety scares, the Chinese are increasingly turning to online food retailers whose quality they trust.

## Stronger economy lets ECB kick back, let stimulus work

**FRANKFURT, Germany** (AP)—Europe's economy is finally showing signs of increasing strength, after years of sluggishness and false starts.

And that means the European Central Bank likely won't have to step up its ongoing 1.74 trillion-euro ($1.93 trillion) stimulus program when it meets this week.

Fear not—the chief monetary authority for the countries that use the euro will go on pumping newly printed money into the European economy in an effort to raise inflation. But that's only due to measures that were decided at previous meetings, and which are either still running or just now being implemented.

So analysts don't expect any new stimulus jolts to be announced at Thursday's meeting of the bank's 25-member governing council in Vienna. There's little sign that President Mario Draghi and Co. are ready to drop more stimulus news. Some economists are saying don't expect anything more for the rest of this year, if at all.

The ECB is holding steady just as the U.S. Federal Reserve seems to be moving close to a rate increase at its June meeting. It hiked its key rate in December from near zero to a range between 0.25 percent and 0.5 percent, but then held off any more increases amid unsettling swings in stock markets. Global jitters seem to have eased since then. The U.S. recovery is more advanced, so Fed chief Janet Yellen can contemplate withdrawing some stimulus.

Inflation is still way too low, at minus 0.2 percent, and unemployment is painfully high at 10.2 percent. But there are two big factors that should let the ECB kick back for a few months at least.

First, the economy in the 19 countries that share the euro currency is finally showing signs of a somewhat more robust and lasting recovery after a miserable six years in which it was battered by global and local crises. The eurozone grew 0.5 percent in the first quarter from the quarter before. It finally regained the level of output it had in the first quarter of 2008, before the global financial crisis associated with the collapse of U.S. investment bank Lehman Brothers, and before a crisis over high debt in some countries that almost broke up the currency union.

Figures published Monday showed that business and consumer optimism rose to a four-month high in May, while inflation expectations picked up across a range of businesses. Auto sales have risen for 32 straight months.

Second, oil prices have crept up, edging over $50 per barrel last week for the first time since July 2015. That should give the ECB a tiny bit of help by raising inflation. Economist Carsten Brzeski at ING-DiBa wrote in an email that "higher oil prices should lead to the first upward revision of the ECB's staff inflation forecasts since... early 2015." That was when the bank launched a major stimulus effort through bond purchases with newly printed money dubbed quantitative easing, or QE.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Japan factory output, consumer spending weak in April

**TOKYO** (AP)—Japan reports that its factory output fell 3.5 percent in April from the same month a year earlier, while consumer spending also edged lower. While the declines reported Tuesday were more moderate than the month before, suggesting a slight improvement, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe may point to such trends as reasons for the widely expected postponement of a sales tax hike next year. Consumer spending fell 0.4 percent in April from a year earlier, while unemployment remained flat at 3.2 percent. Earlier, the government reported that the consumer price index fell 0.3 percent in April for the second straight month of deflation. However, excluding both energy and volatile fresh foods, it rose 0.7 percent. Abe's effort to vanquish deflation through monetary easing and public spending has made only faltering headway.

### Eurozone economic sentiment improves for second month

**BRUSSELS** (AP)—Economic confidence is up in the 19 European countries that use the euro, a survey showed Monday, thanks in particular to greater optimism among consumers that has led to a pickup in inflation expectations. The Economic Sentiment Indicator, a monthly survey by the European Union's executive Commission, rose to a four-month high of 104.7 points in May from 104.0 in April. Consumers expressed greater confidence over the general future of the eurozone economy, the prospects for employment as well as savings. Industry managers also sounded more upbeat, in particular about a rise in orders.

## 4-H program aims to grow next generation of ag scientists

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** (AP)—One team is developing GPS ear tags so cattle farmers can track herds from afar. Another thinks drones can protect livestock from predators. Yet another is developing a rechargeable portable warmer to prevent vaccines from freezing when dairy producers inoculate their herds in the winter.

These aren't corporate or university researchers, but teenagers in Minnesota's 4-H Science of Agriculture Challenge, which aims to nurture the next generation of agricultural scientists for a country facing a critical shortage. A study last year by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Purdue University found that nearly 60,000 high-skilled agriculture-related jobs open up annually, but there are only about 35,000 college graduates available to fill them.

University of Minnesota Extension is developing the challenge, which is now in its second year and already attracting interest from other 4-H programs, such as Michigan's. Extension specialist Josh Rice says his team will present a workshop for national 4-H officials in October, and recently gave a presentation to youth development officials in Bangladesh.

"This program is going to have an extremely positive impact on getting young people to think about agricultural careers," Rice said.

In preparation for the finals on June 21-23, teams from across the state have spent months with coaches and mentors. Recently, judges helped them refine their presentations.

The ear tags are property of the Meeker County Ag Squad. Members Abbey and Bailee Schiefelbein, 16 and 13 respectively, said their family members were in church last year when their phones started ringing—the cows were loose. But the pasture was about a four-hour drive from their home in Kimball in central Minnesota.

So, the team of five girls and boys devised a system that farmers could use to track their livestock from far away, speaking with researchers who track moose with GPS radio collars. While the $2,500 collars were "a little expensive for a cowboy," they learned about a small transmitter in a $70 tracking collar for hunting dogs, and attached them to ear tags that cattle wear.

The South St. Louis County team from northeastern Minnesota wanted to find out whether drones could protect livestock from predators such as coyotes, wolves and bears. The three girls live in the transition area between farmland and forests, and they've all had predators threaten the animals they show for 4-H.

# Nation

## Military veteran finds a mission nursing fellow vets at VA

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** (AP)—Nursing assistant Tom Alligood wears camouflage scrubs during his emergency room shifts at the Dorn VA hospital because he says it helps other veteran patients realize they've "walked over the same dirt," the 62-year-old former Army tanker says.

And he doesn't just mean the desert sands of Iraq.

Alligood means homelessness, job loss and the mental anguish of being a long-time military veteran trying to adjust to the trials of a dog-eat-dog, backstabbing civilian world he says nearly ate him alive.

"I need to be around veterans like me. That's where I get my strength, my 'positiveness' from," says the burly former first sergeant who now sports a long, gray braid on his back.

Alligood says he has found a new mission—working in the sprawling Columbia VA hospital and helping as many of his one-time brothers and sisters in arms as he can.

And the VA is looking for more people like Alligood.

In an attempt to respond to the crisis of lengthy patient wait-times and a malfunctioning bureaucracy, VA Secretary Robert McDonald told Congress the agency hired about 14,000 health care workers last year, including 1,300 doctors and 3,600 nurses.

At Dorn, nursing administrator Ruth Mustard said the hospital hired an average of 85 nurses as well as 25 licensed practical nurses and 25 nursing assistants each year for the past two years.

Alligood's background as a military veteran is a plus, she says, and they can always use more like him.

"Veterans know what it takes to serve and what sacrifices they've endured and what some of their challenges have been that have affected their health," the nurse supervisor says.

Alligood said he can relate to his veteran-patients because the route he took from being a VA patient to VA caregiver has been a challenging one.

After leaving the Army, he took a job managing a concrete block plant. The job was eliminated when the plant was sold. Falling deep in debt, Alligood said he took to sleeping in abandoned buildings after losing his car and his home. Life in homeless shelters didn't sit right, either.

AP

In this Monday, May 2, 2016 photo, Tom Alligood, a veteran and certified nursing assistant, speaks during an interview at the Dorn Veterans Administration Hospital in Columbia, S.C.

"I wasn't in the best of shape, mentally and physically," he said, his rumbling voice catching. "That was the lowest I've ever been."

Alligood said counselors told him about a VA program that put homeless veterans into counseling and back to work. He grabbed the chance to put in 40 hours a week transporting other veterans around the hallways of the sprawling Dorn VA Medical Center in wheelchairs and gurneys.

"It was for $5.15 an hour, minimum wage. But trust me, that $5.15 meant more to me at that time than anything," he recalls.

As he traversed the hospital's maze of corridors, Alligood said he made a point of greeting as many people as he could.

Alligood's banter with other veterans caught Mustard's ear. She told him the VA would pay for his schooling if he wanted to learn to become a certified nursing assistant and come back to help other veterans.

He went back to school and the Florida native returned to the Dorn VA Medical Center, where he's logged three years in an eldercare unit and six years in the emergency department.

"He has a fabulous rapport," Mustard said.

Emergency room nurse Karen Teal says the former first sergeant has a personal touch that put stressed-out patients "instantly at ease."

"He's our jewel," Teal says, beaming at her co-worker.

Alligood said his days in Iraq and Saudi Arabia help him understand veterans who might be dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder. He recounted one veteran he found experiencing a "flashback" in the ER.

## Cincinnati Zoo director defends killing gorilla to save boy

**CINCINNATI** (AP)—The Cincinnati Zoo's director on Monday defended the decision to kill a gorilla to protect a 4-year-old boy who entered its exhibit, noting it's easy to second-guess after the child was recovered safely.

The male western lowland gorilla named Harambe was killed Saturday by a special zoo response team that feared for the boy's safety. Video taken by zoo visitors showed the gorilla at times appeared to be protective of the boy but also dragged him through the shallow moat.

Director Thane Maynard said the gorilla was agitated and disoriented by the commotion during the 10 minutes after the boy fell. He said the gorilla could crush a coconut in one hand and there was no doubt that the boy's life was in danger.

"We stand by our decision," he said Monday, reiterating that using a tranquilizer on the 420-pound gorilla could have further threatened the boy because it wouldn't have taken effect immediately.

Maynard said an investigation indicates the boy climbed over a 3-foot-tall railing, then walked through an area of bushes about 4 feet deep before plunging some 15 feet into the moat. The boy was treated at a hospital and released that same day.

The director said the zoo remains safe for its some 1.6 million annual visitors, but a review is underway for possible improvements

Kim O'Connor, who witnessed the boy's fall, told WLWT-TV that she heard the youngster say he wanted to get in the water with the gorillas. She said the boy's mother was with several other young children and told him no.

Anthony Seta, an animal rights activist in Cincinnati, helped organize a vigil Monday just outside the zoo gates. He said the gathering wasn't meant to assess blame but rather to honor Harambe, who turned 17 the day before he was shot.

"People can shout at the parents and people can shout at the zoo," Seta said. "The fact is that a gorilla that just celebrated his birthday has been killed."

In the days since, people have taken to social media to voice their outrage about the killing of a member of an endangered species. A Facebook page called "Justice for Harambe" was created along with online petitions and another page calling for a June 5 protest at the zoo.

Maynard said the zoo had received messages of support and condolences from around the world, including from other zoo directors and gorilla experts. A spokesman for Jane Goodall, the famed primatologist, said she had "a private conversation" with Maynard, who said she expressed her sympathy.

## Obama marks Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery

**ARLINGTON, Va.** (AP)—President Barack Obama challenged Americans on Memorial Day to fill the silence from those who died serving their country with love and support for families of the fallen, "not just with words but with our actions."

Obama laid a wreath Monday at the Tomb of the Unknowns to honor the nation's war dead. Under mostly sunny skies at Arlington National Cemetery, he bowed his head for a moment, then placed his right hand over his heart as taps was played. Obama in his address commemorated the more than 1 million people in U.S. history who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Obama said the markers at Arlington belong mostly to young Americans, those who never lived to be honored as veterans for their service.

The Americans who rest here, and their families—the best of us, those from whom we asked everything—ask of us today only one thing in return: that we remember them," Obama said.

In his remarks, Obama called for Americans to honor the families who lost loved ones and the battle buddies left behind. He said it's important to ensure veterans get access to good health care and jobs. "We have to do better," he said. "We have to be there not only when we need them, but when they need us."

Special operations forces continue to serve in dangerous missions in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, even as the U.S. military presence in the latter two countries has been greatly reduced under Obama's watch. Obama acknowledged the continuing threat to service members, singling out for praise three who have died in Iraq in recent months: Master Sgt. Joshua L. Wheeler, Staff Sgt. Louis Cardin and Chief Special Warfare Operator Charles Keating IV.

Obama said Keating joined the Navy SEALs because it was the hardest thing to do. He quoted a platoon mate who told Keating's parents in a letter soon after their son's death "please tell everyone Chuck saved a lot of lives today." On Cardin, Obama said he gave his life while protecting the Marines under his command. "Putting others before himself was what Louis did best."

## Rape allegation, race, glare of national media divide town

**DIETRICH, Idaho** (AP)—Teaching her children how to peacefully respond to racist comments in a tiny Idaho town was not new for the mother of 20 adopted children, many of whom are black. She often found herself echoing the virtues taught in Dietrich's only church.

Kindness and patience can overcome ignorance in the mostly white, rural community, she told her kids. Forgive. Turn the other cheek.

Then her black teenage son joined the football team. Within months, three of his teammates used a coat hanger to sexually assault him in a school locker room, prosecutors say. The attack came after the woman said she spent months trying to convince school officials that her and her husband's concerns about the repeated racist harassment directed at their children needed to be treated seriously.

The allegations of prolonged racist taunts and physical abuse were revealed this month when the family filed a $10 million lawsuit against the Dietrich School District. It claims the school failed to prevent the abuse even though much of it happened in front of football coaches and school officials.

Three teens have been charged in the Oct. 23 assault: two with felonies in adult court and one in juvenile court. In the lawsuit, the victim contends one of his teammates pretended to want to hug him but instead held him down so 17-year-old Tanner Ward and 18-year-old John Howard could assault him.

Ward has pleaded not guilty, and Howard has not yet entered a plea. The juvenile court case is sealed.

"Sometimes I wish I hadn't said anything," the mother said. "Then we could have lived a quiet life. But when you're right, you sometimes have to stand alone."

The Associated Press does not generally identify victims of sexual abuse and is withholding the woman's name to avoid identifying her son.

Ward's attorney declined to comment, saying he was court-ordered not to discuss his client's case with the media. Howard's attorney did not return a request for comment.

# Asia

## PH Congress proclaims next president and vice president

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—The Philippine Congress on Monday proclaimed crime-busting Mayor Rodrigo Duterte as president-elect and Rep. Leni Robredo as vice president-elect of a country that has been posting high growth rates but remains saddled with poverty, corruption and insurgencies.

Duterte did not attend the ceremony at the House of Representatives, telling reporters earlier he shuns such ceremonial proclamations. He has stayed in southern Davao city, where ambassadors, well-wishers and potential Cabinet members have met him, since the May 9 elections.

Robredo's three daughters joined her on stage for the brief ceremony. The House speaker and Senate president raised her hands to proclaim her victory as legislators applauded.

"There's a tinge of nervousness," Robredo told reporters earlier. "But maybe it's more of excitement that I'm being given a rare chance to make a difference."

Monday's proclamation cements the stunning political rise of Duterte, 71, who won on an audacious promise to eradicate crime and corruption within six months as president. The pledge resonated among many crime-weary Filipinos, although police officials have said it is impossible to accomplish, noting that crime continues to hound Davao city, where the president-elect has served as mayor on and off for more than 22 years.

Human rights groups have expressed alarm over Duterte, who they suspect instigated extrajudicial killings of many crime suspects by motorcycle-riding gunmen dubbed the Davao death squads. The suspicions have been bolstered by Duterte's public threats to kill drug dealers and other criminals.

Robredo, 52, is a former rights lawyer who helped defend the rural poor in her home province of Camarines Sur southeast of Manila. A year after her husband, a popular reformist politician, died in a plane crash in 2012, she was reluctantly thrust into politics with a successful run for a seat in the House of Representatives.

In the Philippines, presidents and vice presidents are elected separately, and Duterte and Robredo come from rival parties.

## China lashes out at US defense secretary criticisms

**BEIJING** (AP)—China on Monday lashed out at criticism from U.S. Defense Secretary Ashton Carter, accusing him of harboring a Cold War mentality and saying Beijing has no interest in "playing a role in a Hollywood movie" of Washington's design.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters Carter's comment last week that China was creating a "Great Wall of self-isolation" was merely an attempt to provide cover for U.S. plans to deploy additional military forces to the Asia-Pacific region.

Carter's remarks "laid bare the stereotypical U.S. thinking and U.S. hegemony," Hua said at a daily news briefing.

"Indeed, there are some in the U.S. who live physically in the 21st century, but whose minds are stuck in the in the Cold War era," she said.

"China has no interest in any form of Cold War, nor are we interested in playing a role in a Hollywood movie written and directed by certain U.S. military officials. However, China has no fear of and will counter any actions that threaten and undermine China's sovereignty and security," Hua said.

In a commencement speech Friday at the U.S. Naval Academy, Carter said China wants and enjoys the benefits of free trade and a free internet, but sometimes chooses to restrict both. He said the U.S. also continues to be concerned about Beijing's actions in the disputed South China Sea, where Beijing has sought to strengthen its claim to almost the entire region by building new islands atop coral outcroppings and adding airstrips, harbors and military infrastructure.

The United States is committed to upholding the freedom of navigation and commerce, and peaceful resolution of disputes, Carter said.

"China's actions (in the South China Sea) challenge fundamental principles, and we can't look the other way," Carter said.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Indonesian navy fires shots, seizes Chinese fishing boat

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** (AP)—Indonesia's navy said Monday it fired shots at a Chinese trawler when it refused to stop fishing in Indonesian waters, and then seized the vessel and its eight crewmembers. An Indonesian frigate intercepted the trawler on Friday near the Natuna islands in Indonesia's exclusive economic zone, which overlaps with the southernmost reaches of the South China Sea, said navy western fleet command spokesman Maj. Budi Amin. Amin said the frigate fired shots which hit the stern of the fishing vessel, Gui Bei Yu-27088, after it ignored repeated warnings to stop. He said no one was injured.

#### After decades, 32 Australians' remains return from Malaysia

**SUBANG AIR BASE, Malaysia** (AP)—The bodies of 32 Australian service personnel and their dependents, many of them killed during the Vietnam War, have been handed over by Malaysian soldiers to their Australian counterparts. Australian officials say it's among the biggest single repatriations in the nation's history. The remains handed over Tuesday at Subang military air base had been interred for decades at Terendak Military Cemetery in Malaysia. Malaysia soldiers carried coffins draped with Australia flags to the tarmac, where Australian troops carried them aboard two Royal Australian Air Force C-17 Globemaster aircraft.

#### Thai wildlife officials start removing tigers from temple

**BANGKOK** (AP)—Wildlife officials in Thailand have begun removing some of the 137 tigers held at a Buddhist temple following accusations that monks were involved in illegal breeding and trafficking of the animals. The director of Thailand's Wildlife Conservation Office, Teunjai Noochdumrong, said three tigers were tranquilized and transported Monday in an operation involving about 1,000 state personnel that is expected to continue for a week. The animals will be taken to two government animal centers elsewhere in Thailand.

# World

## Air strikes pummel rebel-held city of Idlib

**BEIRUT** (AP)—A wave of air strikes on a rebel-held stronghold in northwest Syria Monday night caused mass casualties and sparked fresh clashes. The flare up in violence came a day after the opposition's chief negotiator resigned in frustration over the stalled Geneva peace talks with the government of Bashar Assad.

AP

In this Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016 file photo, Army of Islam official Mohammed Alloush, gets in to a car heading to a meeting with the opposition's High Negotiations Committee, in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group counted 10 air strikes on the city of Idlib in the evening, which it said killed at least 14 civilians, including three children. The group said it believed Russian jets were responsible.

The Local Coordination Committees, an activist network, said 10 people were killed when the city's National Hospital was hit, but had no details about casualties elsewhere in the city.

The opposition Civil Defense, which carries out rescue operations, gave a much higher casualty figure, saying dozens were killed and hundreds wounded in the air strikes in which several hospitals were damaged. The group said it had deployed its entire Idlib corps to take part in rescue operations.

The Observatory said hospitals were not targeted, but suffered damage when bombs struck nearby.

Idlib is under the control of the newly resurrected Army of Conquest coalition, which is dominated by ultraconservative insurgent groups and rebel factions. Al-Qaida's Syrian affiliate, the Nusra Front, leads the coalition. The Nusra Front is considered a terrorist group by the U.S. and U.N. and has been excluded from previous cease-fire agreements between government forces and rebels.

## Mediterranean shipwreck survivors haunted by cries of kids

**POZZALLO, Sicily** (AP)—It was the cries of children—and the moment they decided they must save themselves—that haunt the survivors of a shipwreck that claimed hundreds of lives.

Two Eritreans who arrived safely in Sicily told The Associated Press on Sunday how the sea kept seeping into their rickety fishing boat despite all efforts to bail the water out. Eventually, the sea prevailed.

Between 400 and 550 on their smugglers' boat didn't make it, part of the estimated 700 migrants who perished in Mediterranean Sea shipwrecks over three days last week in the deadliest known tally in over a year, as calm weather and sunny skies increased smuggling crossings from Libya.

"When the morning came, I saw how the children were crying and the women," Habtom Tekle, a 27-year-old Eritrean, told the AP through an interpreter. "At this point I only tried to pray. Everybody was trying to take the water out of boat."

The rickety wooden boat without an engine was being towed by another smugglers' boat laden with hundreds of other migrants, signaling the increasing desperation of the smugglers. Once the second boat started sinking Thursday, the commander on the first boat ordered the tow line cut, apparently to keep his boat from sinking as well, according to Italian police interviews of survivors.

The line, at full tension, whipped back, fatally slashing the neck of a female migrant, police said.

By then, Filmon Selomon, a 21-year-old Eritrean, had plunged into the sea. He told the Associated Press that knew he could only save himself.

"I started to cry when I saw the situation and when I found the ship without an engine. There were many women and children," he said. "Water was coming in from everywhere, top, bottom."

## Rome student burned alive by ex-boyfriend, police say

**ROME** (AP)—A Rome university student was burned alive by her ex-boyfriend after she left him, authorities said Monday—a slaying one investigator called the most atrocious crime he has seen in his career.

Sara Di Pietrantonio, 22, died before dawn Sunday after Vincenzo Paduano, 27, set her car afire, prosecutor Maria Monteleone told reporters. He then chased her after she ran out of the car, setting her ablaze when he caught up with her, authorities said. Investigators said her attacker used a cigarette lighter to set Di Pietrantonio's face on fire after dousing her with alcohol.

"I can say that in 25 years in this work I have never seen something so atrocious," said Luigi Silipo, the lead police official in the investigation.

Paduano was being held for investigation of premeditated murder, Monteleone said.

The suspect first denied killing the woman, but after eight hours of interrogation, confessed to killing her, Silipo told reporters.

Paduano "didn't accept being abandoned' by the woman, Monteleone said. 'He organized, he planned the aggression,' the prosecutor said.

Silipo said the suspect walked off his job as a security guard about 3 a.m. and waited outside the home of Di Pietrantonio's current boyfriend. Then, after the woman left the home and drove off by herself, Paduano drove off, eventually forcing her car to the side of the road, he said.

"He got into her car, and after an argument, doused the car (interior) with a small bottle of alcohol, and doused Sara, too," Silipo said. "She ran out, he torched the car, caught up with her, and after about 100 meters" set her ablaze, leaving her to die "in an atrocious manner," the police official said.

# Good Housekeeping

## Diggin' In: Virginia Zoo's horticulturist retires to enjoy other gardening ventures

By KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

The Virginia Zoo is about the gardens and the gardens are about the animals — thanks to the vision of horticulturist Marie Butler.

It wasn't always that way.

"In the late '70s when I walked my children at the zoo, animal enclosures were chain link, concrete pads and cages," says Butler, who recently retired as its landscape coordinator.

"The grounds were boring at best. That's the way zoos were then. Before I interviewed for the horticulture position at the Virginia Zoo, I walked the grounds. It was better, but the animal enclosures were still old-fashioned except for the new tiger exhibit. I decided I could work with what I saw."

At the zoo, Butler soon took on added responsibility in reclassified positions. She reviewed planting plans for new exhibits, researched and sourced plants to reflect animals native habitats, managed landscape projects and, most importantly, marketed the zoo and its gardens through the many public garden lectures and demonstrations she did at garden shows and for large groups throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

During her first year 20 years ago at the zoo, she tied the bows on the ground-breaking shovels for the construction ceremony for the new African exhibit, and has seen two phases completed since then. The front entry has been remodeled, new admissions-administration building completed and entry plazas designed and installed.

Most recently, the zoo opened the new Wellness Campus with its vet clinic, diet kitchen and displays of fruiting trees and shrubs that benefit people and animals. A newly renovated barnyard and exhibit building are in progress, Butler says.

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Marie Butler recently retired as landscape coordinator at the Virginia Zoo in Norfolk, Va., where she spent 20 years helping create eye-catching gardens for people and native wildlife habitats for zoo residents.

"The Virginia Zoo is not the old animal display it was decades ago," she says.

"It illustrates the inseparable nature of plants, animals, and humans."

Butler is particularly proud of her work with the Balinese-style Trail of the Tiger. She worked closely with the architectural firm, redesigning the landscape to re-create tropical Southeast Asia — in Norfolk, in December, she says, so the exhibit could open the following April.

Whenever she's asked "Why does a zoo invest in plants?" Butler first asks them to take a deep breath—and then thank a plant.

"Our very lives depend on plants," she says.

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Whimsy is part of the Children's Garden at the Virginia Zoo in Norfolk, Va.

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Buildings in the Asia - Trail of the Tiger exhibit tower above tropical ornamental grasses at the Virginia Zoo in Norfolk, Va.

"Without them, we would be dead in very few minutes. So would most animals. Plants, animals and people are bound together on Earth. People come to a zoo to experience animals, but the most practical ideas they can take away are earth-friendly life skills they can use wherever they live. Witnessing tiger cubs romping with each other delights the soul. So does picking fresh herbs from a flower pot to enliven a meal. Conservation of nature begins in our own habitat and extends around the world."

She encourages anyone and everyone to garden at least some, always saying "If the zoo can do it, you can do it."

With a staff of eight people to take care of 53 acres, Butler soon learned selecting the right plant for the right spot was critical.

"Gardens at the Virginia Zoo are so much more than just a pretty face," she says.

"Whether you can garden on a grand scale like the zoo or on a tiny scale with a houseplant under your desk light, connect with life and start growing!"

### 5 FAVORITE PLANTS

Marie Butler's five favorite plants at the Virginia Zoo and for home gardens include:

■ Drift roses—a low-growing, mounded rose with a long bloom season and good disease resistance.

■ Asian pears— easy-grow, no-spray fruit trees for Hampton Roads. Forget ornamental, badly-branched Bradford pear trees; instead, grow something attractive and edible.

■ Southern magnolia—a Southern icon that's edible for most zoo herbivores. Moon bears love to roll around on its flowers. The tree provides great, cut branches for decoration. And, it has a heavenly fragrance in late May. For smaller spaces, the Little Gem variety features a compact, neater growth habit. Little Gem is good for "view control."

■ Banana shrub — Botanically known as Magnolia figo, it's a plain, semi-evergreen shrub or small tree. But, come spring, it blooms and produces a pleasant fragrance of ripe bananas that carries far and wide, giving the zoo a nice aroma. At home, it can inspire you to move a lawn chair into the breeze to bask in its scent.

■ Coral bark maple Sango Kaku shines when it dons it's winter nakedness. The young stems are a bright coral color. It has a lovely Japanese maple form in the growing season, but it is at its best in winter. Planted against the sage green wall of the Tapir Nighthouse to display its eye-catching stems, the maple is one of the most asked-about plants on the zoo grounds.

## Living Smart: 9 uses for a pressure washer

By TOM MOOR
ANGIE'S LIST

If you enjoy cleaning, then you'll have a blast using a pressure washer.

Although you've probably used a pressure washer to remove stains from the side of your home or walkway, you may not realize they offer far more uses than cleaning siding (although they're great for that, too).

You can pressure wash all sorts of items around the house. So, pick a warm, sunny day and head outside to tackle some overdue cleaning projects.

### 1. Cars and trucks

Use a pressure washer to remove dirt from a car or truck — especially the wheel wells and undercarriage — where dirt and grime tend to build up.

Just make sure not to use a high-powered setting, or the car's clear coat or paint might come off.

Motorcycles, RVs and most other types of motorized vehicles can also be cleaned with pressure washers.

### 2. Boats

Just like your vehicle, pressure washers will also take the dirt and algae off the exterior of boats. Again, don't use too high of a setting.

### 3. Outdoor furniture

Outdoor furniture gets extremely dirty, especially if you don't store it away for the winter. Pressure washing can make your outdoor furniture look like new again.

### 4. Decks and patios

Just like your home, car and driveway, decks and patios take a beating from Mother Nature, dirt and debris.

Pressure washing a deck or patio can remove dirt and grime and return it to its original color. You might be surprised what a difference it makes.

### 5. Fencing

Fences — whether wooden, vinyl or aluminum — can be cleaned with a pressure washer.

6. Garage door, floor and driveway

Driveways and garage floors take a lashing from constant driving, while oil and fluid leaks cause staining. Use a pressure washer to easily eliminate these markings.

### 7. Grills

Grills get caked in grease and grime and can be extremely difficult to clean. Before pressure washing, make sure to detach any propane or electrical hookups.

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Pressure washing a driveway, deck or patio requires less power than more heavy-duty tasks like paint stripping or graffiti removal.

### 8. Lawn mower and lawn equipment

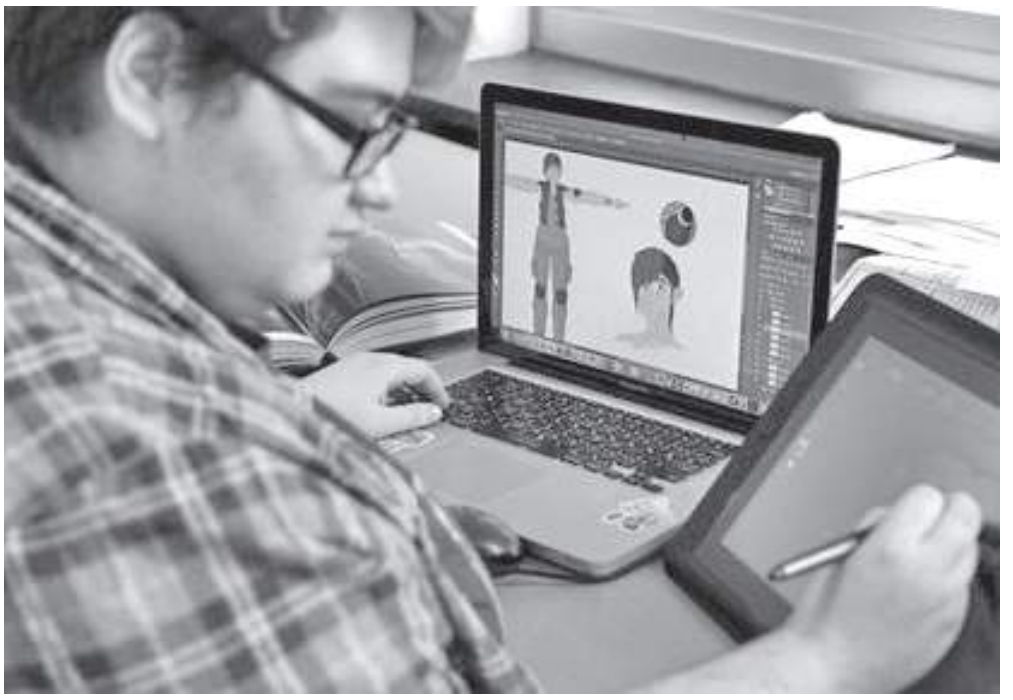
Lawn mowers and yard equipment get very dirty after a full year of use. A pressure washer can remove all of the dirt and grass and get them ready for spring or winter storage.

### 9. What's in that tree?

Puzzled how to get that football out of the tree? A pressure washer just might be the answer.

# Life & Style

## After Gamergate, female video game developers on the rise



AP
In this Friday, May 13, 2016, photo, animation and gaming arts student Lindsey O'Brien works on her project at Moore College of Art & Design in Philadelphia.

**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—Students from an all-female arts college in Philadelphia attended a conference for video game developers last year and, without even trying, they stood out.

"We were basically the only girls in the room," recalled Lindsey O'Brien, 21, a rising senior at Philadelphia's Moore College of Art & Design.

The male-dominated video game industry is changing as more women develop games, play games and take jobs reviewing games. While the ongoing cyber harassment of female gamers known as "Gamergate" indicates a reluctance by some to accept the growing number of women in the industry, mainstream institutions are welcoming all to the console.

Moore's animation and gaming arts program will see its first class of game developers graduate next year. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology created its Game Lab in 2012. New York University's Tisch School began offering a video game design degree last year.

"There's going to be a huge boom of women entering the industry in the next 10 years," said Stephen Wood, Moore's gaming arts professor, who took over the fledging program when he joined the faculty in 2014. "In the '80s and '90s, video games were seen as things boys do. But in the '90s and early 2000s, girls said, 'We're going to play, too.' Now those girls are going to college and studying video games. We're helping close that gender gap and being part of the solution."

According to a 2015 survey by the International Game Developers Association, the number of female video game developers has doubled in the past seven years, from 11 percent in 2009 to about 21 percent now. About 79 percent of the survey's 2,000 respondents agreed diversity in the industry is "very" or "somewhat" important.

"Much dialogue has occurred in the past couple of years around the topic, (with) a strong majority recognizing that greater diversity on development teams . creates a stronger foundation for the team to create games that may maximize their global appeal," said Kate Edwards, executive director of the association.

Since joining Moore, Wood has seen the gaming arts program grow from eight students to about 40. He acknowledges he had some bias against female game creators until he saw his students' work.

"They create these awesome games that are no different than what you'd see in the industry today," he said. "It's a misperception that girls are making games with rainbows and unicorns. They're really not. I don't play a new game and say, 'Oh, this was designed by a woman, this was designed by a guy.'"

O'Brien learned the ins and outs of gaming from her mother, who could tear up the Atari. O'Brien started out on Sega Genesis and PlayStation systems, bonding with her older brother as they played games like "Mortal Kombat."

"I have tons of female friends who like shooter games, like 'Call of Duty,'" she said. "A lot of people who aren't part of the community are shocked when they hear that."

"Gamergate" began in 2013 when anonymous online commenters claimed a female video game developer was getting an unjust amount of attention for a new product. She was the victim of cyber harassment that then spread to other women in the industry, including Edwards, the executive director of the Game Developers Association.

Edwards said the incidents have raised important industry issues. Intel, for example, pledged $300 million in 2015 to fund a three-year effort to increase the number of underrepresented groups—including women, Hispanics and African-Americans—by 14 percent.

Wood said he talks to his students about the potential for abuse. The good thing, he said, is Moore students have a tight bond and can stand together against such threats. O'Brien, too, said she expects some negative responses, but she's ready for them.

## Spain's Prado unveils major exhibit of Dutch master Bosch

AP
In this Friday, May 27, 2016 photo, a man stands next to "The Haywain" triptych painting, right, by Dutch artist Hieronymus Bosch during an exhibition at the Prado museum in Madrid, Spain.

**MADRID** (AP)—It may not be the most suitable exhibit for the squeamish but the Prado Museum's 500th anniversary display of the most and best of Dutch Renaissance master Hieronymus Bosch is definitely a must for art lovers, and maybe gore freaks too.

Bosch's work, with its monstrous, apocalyptic scenes depicting man's struggle against temptation juxtaposed with idyllic scenes of paradise, has long fascinated art lovers. But rarely has so much of his work been brought together under one roof. The Prado says the show is unique and most likely unrepeatable.

The exhibition inaugurated Monday centers on his triptychs, most notably "The Garden of Earthly Delights," ''The Haywain," both from the Prado and "The Temptations of Saint Anthony" from Lisbon's Ancient Art National Museum. In all, it features about 50 works, including 29 Bosch paintings and drawings that the Prado said constitutes 75 percent of his surviving works. Around 20 museums in Europe and the U.S. contributed to the show.

King Felipe VI opened the exhibition with former Dutch queen, Princess Beatrix.

Religious themes dominate Bosch's work but his fame stems mainly from the fantastically bizarre landscapes and scenes he painted that are populated with surreal flying demons, fish-headed human figures, walking heads in all sorts of grotesque and indecipherable activities.

Dazzling in detail and slightly unnerving, they leave few spectators unmoved.

Prado conservation specialist, Miguel Falomir said evidence of this was that the Bosch rooms were the museum's most visited and where most people stayed longest.

Bosch, or "El Bosco" as he is known in Spain was born Hieronymus van Aken in 1450 in the town of 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, from which he takes his name. The Prado show follows a similar one in the Dutch town earlier this year, but which lacked several key works.

Spain, and in particular the Prado, possess the lion's share of Bosch's existing works owing chiefly to Felipe's medieval predecessor King Felipe II, who was an avid art collector.

The show runs until Sept. 11.

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On the final day, June 2, mass will be offered at 6:00AM. Breakfast will follow immediately at the Joeten-Daidai Social Hall.
Your prayers and presence are greatly appreciated.
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# In Haiti, cradle of rich visual heritage is being reinvented

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti** (AP)—Youvensky Despeignes used to spend hours a day at home drawing pencil-and-ink abstractions on cheap notebook paper, his aspirations as a painter frustrated by a lack of opportunities in Haiti where a rich artistic heritage has suffered decades of decline.

But the 22-year-old is now a scholarship student at the Centre d'Art in Port-au-Prince, learning to paint from one of Haiti's most renowned visual artists. He is the beneficiary of efforts to resurrect the storied cultural center following the destruction of its gingerbread building of ornate latticework in a 2010 earthquake and the death of its longtime director a few months later at age 92.

While some thought the twin blows marked the end of the longtime cradle of Haitian artists, a young, energetic team is reviving the center and with it a remarkable heritage of vividly colored paintings, sculptures and other works that earned Haiti an international reputation for raw, imaginative art.

AP

In this May 25, 2016 photo, Haitian visual artist Tessa Mars stretches out on a concrete path to correct a detail on the bottom of a student's oil painting, at the resurrected Centre d'Art or Art Center in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

"I feel like there's a path opening for me to become a true artist," Despeignes said in a gazebo-like workshop behind the center's concrete walls. "This place is inspiring."

While the reinvented Centre d'Art faces many challenges, its new classes and workshops are attracting dozens of students with a rotating cast of Haitian and foreign teachers. Small buildings for classes have been constructed. Ambitious work is underway to catalog archives and document its historically important collection of roughly 5,000 artworks.

"It feels like the right energies are gathering here," said Tessa Mars, a 30-year-old Haitian painter who is one of the instructors.

The work of resurrecting the center is being led by executive director Louise Perrichon, a Frenchwoman who fell in love with Haiti when she arrived in 2007, and Pascale Monnin, a Swiss-Haitian painter and sculptor who is the artistic leader. The Haitian nonprofit Knowledge & Freedom Foundation and a French family foundation are the main providers of institutional support.

Monnin, whose family owns a prominent Haitian art gallery, said a resurgence of the center is part of an effort to reclaim the country's artistic legacy, which contrasts dramatically with its economic impoverishment and recurrent political disorder.

"We're talking about reshaping the way people look at Haitian art, but I think it can also reshape the way that people look at Haiti," Monnin said.

There is no shortage of untapped talent. Port-au-Prince's packed metropolitan area fizzes with creative energy. Portraits are routinely painted on the walls of barber shops and fantastical designs decorate the sides of minibuses called "tap-taps." Others work in the artisan industry, producing whimsical items for visitors like metal wall hangings and colorful carvings of animals.

Perrichon and Monnin want the reinvented Centre d'Art to nurture original creations, not tourist knockoffs or copies of copies.

Encouraging serious Haitian artists has been the core of the center's mission since its founding in 1944 by Dewitt Peters, a U.S. watercolorist who came to Haiti to teach English. He sought out self-taught painters like Hector Hyppolite, known for incorporating the iconography of the Haitian religion Vodou, known also as Voodoo, into his work.

While there were always artists from Haiti's elite and middle classes at the Centre d'Art, it was Hyppolite and other untrained artists from humble backgrounds whose work was championed by intellectuals and critics in Europe and the United States.

Paintings made at the Centre d'Art by artists lumped in with a movement coined "naive" or "primitive" swiftly became a sensation. Wealthy collectors around the world sought out pieces. For decades, the popularity of Haitian art was aided by the once-flourishing tourist industry, including cruise ships that docked three times a week in Port-au-Prince's harbor.

# Elton John doesn't see Putin, hopes for future meeting

**MOSCOW** (AP)—Elton John regrets he didn't get to meet President Vladimir Putin during his current trip to Moscow, but says he's looking forward to meeting the Russian leader in the future to discuss LGBT issues.

Performing Monday before an enthusiastic crowd at a Moscow concert hall, the British rock star thanked Putin for inviting him to "discuss some serious issues in Russia, including LGBT and HIV and AIDS," expressing hope they could eventually meet.

John has criticized a Russian law against gay "propaganda" and comments by Putin suggesting that gay people prey on children.

Putin called John in September to say he'd be willing to meet and talk about any issues that concern the gay rock star. His call came after Russian pranksters posing as Putin fooled John, prompting the musician to post an Instagram message thanking Putin for calling.

AP

Musician Elton John performs at his concert in the Crocus City Hall outside Moscow, Russia, Monday, May 30, 2016.

# Bookkeeper sentenced for stealing from ex-'SNL' cast member

**MORRISTOWN, N.J.** (AP)—A bookkeeper who stole $234,500 from former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Joe Piscopo has been sentenced in New Jersey to three years in prison.

Frank Larocca's lawyer had asked the judge on Friday to sentence his client to probation and a suspended prison term. But the judge declined, noting the benefits of the plea agreement Larocca received from Morris County prosecutors.

The 40-year-old Larocca pleaded guilty in February to theft by unlawful taking. His wife also pleaded guilty to theft and is expected to be sentenced to three years' probation.

Prosecutors say Piscopo hired LaRocca to pay his bills and manage his bank account. The thefts occurred between February 2010 and March 2014.

Larocca used the money for personal expenses.

Piscopo's run on "SNL" lasted from 1980 to 1984.

# Woman with little experience wants freedom to live it up

DEAR ABBY: I'm in love with my boyfriend, and we're about to move to a huge college town. We've been dating two years and I want him to be my husband, but at the same time I want to live life. I'm not even 21 yet, and I haven't experienced life. I want to go to a bar or club and dance with whomever I want, maybe even have a hookup if it were to come down to it. I have never had a one-night stand and I don't think I would, but if it came down to it—who knows!

I don't want to hurt him, but I want him to be happy. He's happy with me and I'm happy with him. What do I do? How do I tell him I'd like freedom to be a ho?

NEED TO EXPERIENCE LIFE

**DEAR NEED TO EXPERIENCE LIFE: Explain to your boyfriend exactly the way you have described it to me, and if he is like 99 percent of the men on this planet, your problem will be solved. "Ho-Ho-Ho!"**

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 48 and the father of a 3-year-old son I love very much. His mother, "Chelsea," is 45. They live with me, although Chelsea and I are not romantically involved. Our son was an "oops" baby, but we chose to live together so we could have him in our daily lives.

Since moving in, Chelsea has decided she's not responsible for any part of the household duties, nor does she have to sustain herself as we had previously agreed. I work full-time, pay all the bills and provide everything. I also do the cooking and cleaning and pay for Chelsea's cigarettes and personal items. She claims she wants to be a stay-at-home mom—although she is more "stay at home" than "mom." This infuriates me and has led to many arguments.

I have tried reasoning with her and talking rationally; nothing works. It has turned into one shouting match after another. What can I do to set her straight while not putting our son at risk of suffering from all of this fallout? Throwing her out is obviously not the answer. I'm just not sure what is.

DOING IT ALL IN ARIZONA

**DEAR DOING IT ALL: While it would have been nice for your son to be surrounded by two loving parents who get along, that's not how it has turned out. You should not be forced to shoulder as much of the responsibility as you have been saddled with, and living in a house with parents who are at each other's throats is not a healthy environment for a child.**

**Chelsea appears to be lazy, and I have to wonder about how conscientious a parent she is if she sits around smoking with her child in the house all day. Talk to an attorney about assuming full custody of your son. Because his mother refuses to work, it follows that she's in no position to support him. He is old enough for day care or preschool during the hours you are working.**

**Then thank God you didn't marry this woman, and tell Chelsea the free ride is over. If she can't abide by the agreement you two had when she moved in, she'll have to move out.**

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## DEAR ABBY

**By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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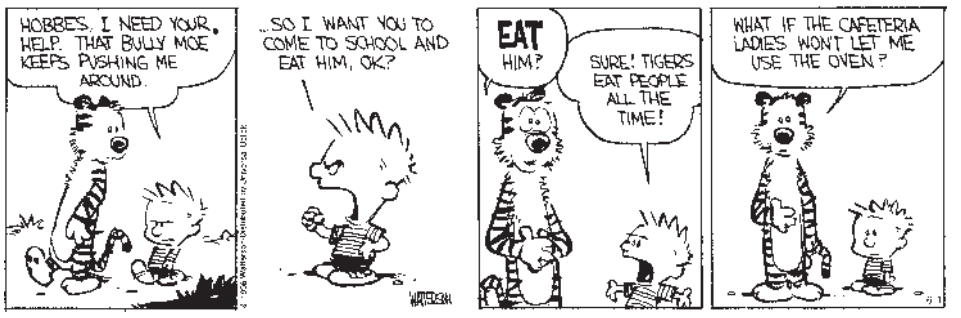
# Pastimes

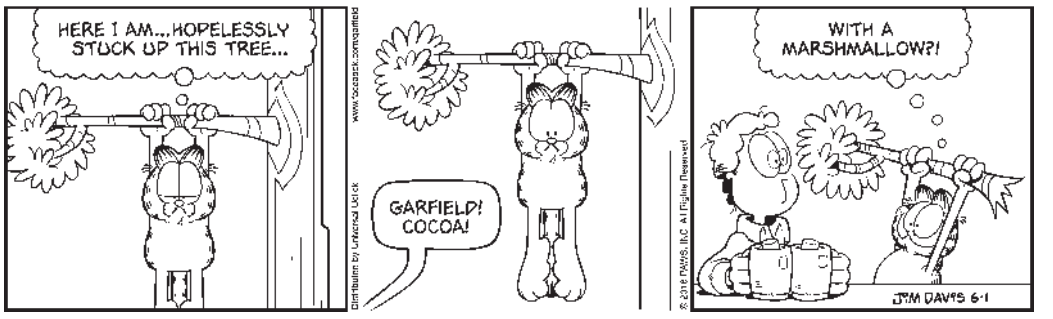
## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


HOBBES, I NEED YOUR HELP. THAT BULLY MOE KEEPS PUSHING ME AROUND.
..SO I WANT YOU TO COME TO SCHOOL AND EAT HIM, OK?
EAT HIM?
SURE! TIGERS EAT PEOPLE ALL THE TIME!
WHAT IF THE CAFETERIA LADIES WON'T LET ME USE THE OVEN?

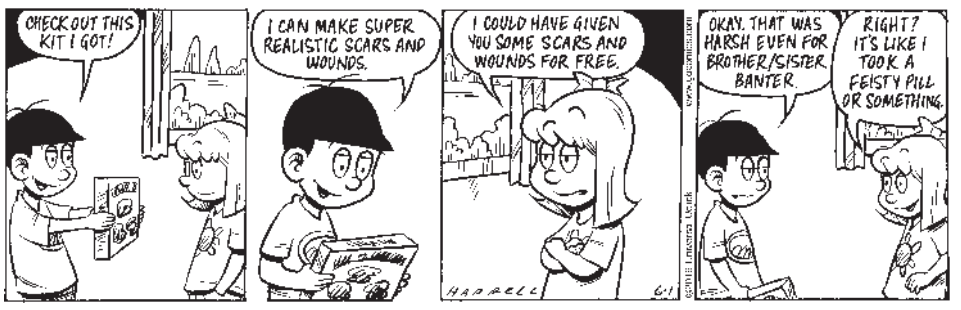
## Garfield®

By Jim Davis




## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


CHECK OUT THIS KIT I GOT!
I CAN MAKE SUPER REALISTIC SCARS AND WOUNDS.
I COULD HAVE GIVEN YOU SOME SCARS AND WOUNDS FOR FREE.
OKAY. THAT WAS HARSH EVEN FOR BROTHER/SISTER BANTER.
RIGHT? IT'S LIKE I TOOK A FEISTY PILL OR SOMETHING.

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

## CROSSWORD

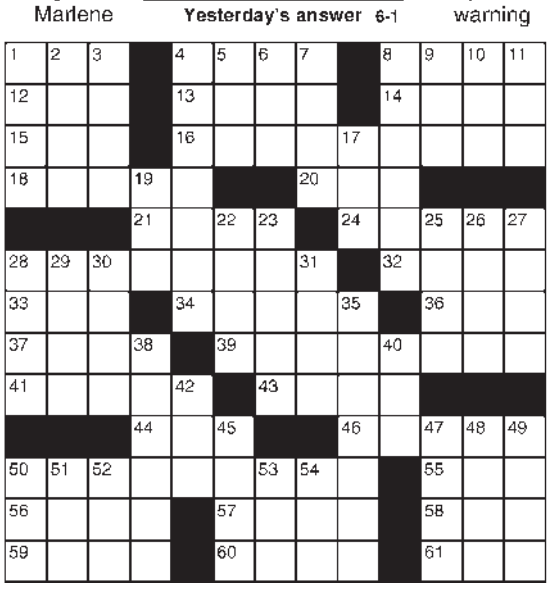
*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**
1 Chum
4 "— I say, not ..."
8 Chanteuse Edith
12 Spanish gold
13 Actress Skye
14 Capri, e.g.
15 Green prefix
16 Rescue
18 "Haystacks" painter
20 Raggedy doll
21 Big rig
24 London newspaper
28 Uncharged particle
32 NASCAR's Yarborough
33 "Nasty!"
34 Batter's dry spell
36 Retrieve
37 Author Harte
39 Film legend Marlene
41 Lazy —
43 Jog
44 '60s chic
46 Not watertight
50 Quail's kin
55 Canape topping
56 Oompah band member
57 Par
58 Republicans
59 Nonfat milk
60 Wrong
61 Approves

**DOWN**
1 Frost lines
2 Not pizzicato
3 Lake bird
4 Good losers?
5 Tic-tac-toe loser
6 Busy insect
7 Antitoxins
8 Al fresco meal
9 "Life — cabaret ..."
10 Flight stat
11 Service charge
17 Bankbook abbr.
19 Ballpark fig.
22 Not spicy
23 Arctic native
25 Creche trio
26 Power co. supply
27 Adam's third son
28 Pen tips
29 Beige
30 Guitars' kin
31 Biblical grain measure
35 Ancient astronomer
38 Large gong
40 Numbered rd.
42 Fish-fowl insert
45 Actress Merrill
47 Jason's ship
48 Oddball
49 Nopes' opposites
50 Score units (Abbr.)
51 Diving bird
52 MLB stat
53 Part of DJIA
54 Spike's warning

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer 6-1**



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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY**: Willow Shields, 16; Amy Schumer, 35; Heidi Klum, 43; Morgan Freeman, 79.

**Happy Birthday**: Good things will happen if you offer solutions or suggestions. Your kindness will help you do your part without actually spending money. Sticking to your budget but participating in causes or groups you believe in will lead to encounters with people who recognize your talents and know how to market what you have to offer. Your numbers are 6, 14, 19, 25, 31, 42, 49.

**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Make your decisions today using information you have gathered in the past. The power of emotion will help propel you toward your dreams. Don't let anyone control you. Step up, take over and make a difference. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): Follow your gut when dealing with finances, health or a pending contract. Act openly in order to get the facts and deliver an honest opinion. Good preparation and the gumption to take action will lead to victory. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Jump in with two feet if an opportunity presents itself. Offer your services and show how disciplined and responsible you can be. Distance yourself from anyone who is involved in illegal practices. End your day with some attention from your partner. ✪✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Share a solution with someone regarding a difficult situation they are facing. Your input will not only save the day, but it will put you in a good position for advancement. Be intelligent, not impulsive. ✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Take control of matters, but don't make promises unless you plan to deliver them. You can drum up help, call in favors and make things happen if you join forces with people who share your beliefs and concerns. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Make changes that will secure your financial situation. Speak up at meetings or if someone offers information that is confusing. Don't jeopardize your health by taking on too much. Problems with a partnership will be caused by a misunderstanding. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Don't wait for someone else to make the first move. If something feels wrong, make adjustments. Put love and romance at the top of your list and do your best to take care of matters that will result in greater happiness. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Use every ounce of creative intelligence and talent you can muster. What you develop will be marketable and create a stir. Trust your instincts, and don't let anyone take advantage of you financially. Stick to a budget. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Too much of anything will lead to trouble. Moderation and dismissing someone's bragging will be the best way to achieve your own success. Get your priorities straight. Late night romance will be rewarding. ✪✪✪✪✪

## EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't get involved in an emotional spat. An unpredictable individual will interfere with your productivity if you don't keep your distance. Concentrate on your objectives, don't lose sight of your goals, and opportunity will come your way. ✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Someone will try to mislead you. Look for ways to turn your accomplishments into a long-term benefit. The sky is the limit if you concentrate on what you do best and incorporate the changes necessary to attain what you want. ✪✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Put your energy into a financial venture that involves people you have worked with in the past. Trust, loyalty and integrity are a must if you want to reach your goal. Bringing someone new into the equation could lead to disappointment. ✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby**: You are free-spirited, unpredictable and curious. You are inventive and strong-willed.

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## SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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| | | 2 | | 4 | | 8 | | |
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| | | 3 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 2 | | |
| | | | 4 | | 1 | | | |
| | | | 9 | | 6 | | | |
| | 8 | 9 | | | | 7 | 5 | |
| 7 | | | | | | | | 3 |
| | 6 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | |

Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/01

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 4 |
| 9 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 7 |
| 8 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| 4 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 9 |
| 2 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 8 |
| 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 2 |
| 3 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 6 |
| 5 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 1 |

Difficulty Level ★★

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

**MARILYN MONROE (1926-1962)** **Solution: 8 letters**

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| A | A | O | N | N | V | P | G | A | O | I | V | R | F | W |
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**Yesterday's Answer: Itta Bena**

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## JVA for YANO Enterprises, Inc.
## Dba: Kinpachi Restaurant

**Yano Enterprises, Inc.:**

**Assistant Manager (1):** Be able to assist the general manager in the supervision of business establishment to ensure the restaurant & stores efficiency & profitable operations; work closely with the personnel in preparation & processing of reservations, greets & answers customers inquiry, patrons complaints & resolve problems. Prepare advertising campaigns of the restaurant & stores to attract customers. Assist in doing daily inventory of foods, merchandise and assets of the business. Duties include but are not limited to delegating authority & assigning responsibilities, reviewing financial transactions & monitoring budget limitations, & be able to present written & oral reports on the company's financial & operational status. Must have Japanese oral skills & knowledge of Japanese food products.

**Restaurant Supervisor (3):** Must be qualified in restaurant operations, customer service, menu planning, & reservation operations. Must be responsible for the supervision of staff as to dining areas cleanliness in appearance & outside grounds. Ensure any customers issues are addressed immediately and resolved in a manner which exceeds the customer's expectation. Also need to have basic Japanese oral skills. Must have an extensive knowledge of Japanese food products & be able to make orders & preparations.

**Accountant (2):** Must be efficient in handling financial records, statements, & reports. Have knowledge on all Taxes computation & filing. Must be able to budget & estimate purchasing costs & requisitions of merchandise necessary in the company.

**Restaurant Waitress (4):** Greeting Customers. Must be able to speak basic Japanese & efficient English & have a friendly & outgoing personality. Should be knowledgeable of the restaurant dishes, familiar with the entire menu the establishment offers. Can introduce & recommend daily specials as well as the restaurant's regular menu items. Continued services after the meal have been served and accept payments & other duties related.

**Cook (8):** Must be experienced & skilled in preparing Japanese cuisine including but not limited to sushi, sashimi, & tempura. Can prepare all menu items according to quantity menus, must know cutting and preparation techniques for each type of fish used in sushi rolls as well as how to prepare rice, sauces and seasonal ingredients, must ensure that ingredients are fresh, colorful and always in stock, that the all-important knives are sharp and clean, and that all equipment is in working order. Must be able to maintain kitchen & observe safety & sanitary food handling practices as well as other related duties.

**General Maintenance (3):** Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and flexible in work hours. Duties may involve skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Can typically perform variety of task such as sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking and installing, repairing buildings, floors or stairs.

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**Additional Requirements:** All applicants must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to obtain required food handler health certificate, must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test. Can work in flexible hours including weekends and night time.

Applicants of positions listed above except Restaurant Waitress (3 months work experience) are required to have a minimum of 2 - 4 year experience. Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan.

We are an equal opportunity employer. Qualified applicants will be considered.
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## Job Vacancy Announcement

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Submit applications, police clearance, and copy of certification at G4S Office located at Beach Road Ladera Building, Chalan Lau-lau. For more information call (670) 233-3238/39 or email at cnmi@gu.g4s.com

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AUTO MARINE INCORPORATION

**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**(2) Mechanic**
- At least 3 yrs experience
- Must have knowledge in Boat and Auto repair

**(2) Automotive Specialty Technician**
- At least 3 yrs experience
- Must have knowledge in overhauling of boat and car computer box

Contact Person: Adonis Santos
Contact No.: 323-2916

**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**(2) Sewing Machine Operator** – High School Diploma or general education degree; or one to 2 yrs. related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

**(2) Accounting Clerk** – At least 2 yrs. experience. Proficient in various computer software, such as MS Excel, Word, Peach Tree & other Accounting Softwares.

**(1) Store Keeper** – At least High School Graduate and with 2 yrs. experience. Trustworthy and willing to work flexible time

**(1) Inventory Clerk** – High School Diploma or general education degree; or one to 2 yrs. related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

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**(1) Flower Arranger**
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- Able to work flexible hours.

**(1) Funeral Service Assistant**
- Must have a driver's licence.
- Able to work flexible hours.
- Good personality.

All interested applicant must apply in person.
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(2) Fishermen, (1) Sales Representative. Minimum salary. Send resume to SMJ Corporation. P.O. Box 503944 Saipan, MP 96950.

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1 Supervisor: $1,200-$1,300/mo. College degree and at least 3 years' experience as a supervisor in a grocery store required. Email resume to dolim@hanmisaipan.com.

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2 Automotive Mechanic (Radiator): $6.05-$6.55/hr. At least five years of experience, and specialty in radiator repair required. Email resume to grace@hanmisaipan.com.

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1 Restaurant Manager (Korean cuisine): $6.05-$6.55/hr. At least 2 years' managerial experience in a restaurant specializing in Korean cuisine required. Email resume to kl@hanmisaipan.com.

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1 Store Manager: $1,200-$1,300/mo. At least 2 years of experience as a clothing store manager is required. Korean speaking and writing fluency is required. Email resume to treasure@hanmisaipan.com.

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**Vacancy Announcement**

**(2)Trash Collector**
Atleast High School graduate. With valid driver's license. Needs to be physically fit and willing to work flexible time and must be hardworking.

Submit Applications To:
**AYD Services Inc. Tel.# 235-7011**

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

AM MACHINE SHOP
**(2) Machinist**
At least 3 years experience
Knowledgeable in Modifying and Fabrication of parts
Contact Person: Adonis Santos
Contact No.: 323-2916

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**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Aquaville Inc. need:
**(1) Sales Advertising Agent**
Must have 3 years experience

Contact No. 323-2916

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CHINESE GOODS INC.
**Job Vacancy Announcement**

**1 – COOK**
- Minimum of 2 years work related experience
- Knowledgeable in Chinese cuisine
- Able to work flexible work hours/schedule

**3 – WAITERS/WAITRESS**
- Must have at least 3 years' work experience. Preferably someone who speaks Chinese language. Flexible hours.

Mail resume to P.O. Box 502351, Saipan MP 96950

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**BIG BELL, INC.**
**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

(8) CARPENTER
(6) ELECTRICIAN
(8) MASON
(4) PAINTER
(6) STEELMAN

Must have 2 yrs experience
Submit application to
Big Bell Inc, Office
Koblerville, Saipan

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**Charms Inc.**
**Job Vacancy Announcement**

**(1) Engine Marine Mechanic**
- Must have 2 years experience and able to inspect, repair, replace engine and machinery

**(1) Beautician Manager**
- Must have 2 years experience, knowledgeable in Skin Care and manage/operate a salon

**(1) All-around Beautician**
- Must have 3 years experience, knowledgeable in all services provided in a salon, especially with skin care

**(1) Beautician/Masseuse**
- Must have 3 years experience, knowledgeable in all salon and massage services

Interested applicants, please call 233-9391 or submit resume to P.O. Box 503332, Saipan, MP 96950

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**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**(1) Maintenance –** At least high school graduate . A valid driver's license. Ability to use efficiently various power and hand tools. Knows how to follow oral written instructions and can communicate efficiently and fluently in both witten and oral form.

**(1) Graphic Artist –** Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts. Minimum of 5 yrs. experience as Graphic Artist. Proficient in Illustrator/Photoshop CS5.

**(1) Accounting Clerk –** At least 2 yrs. experience. Proficient in various computer software, such as MS Excel, Word, Peach Tree & other Accounting Softwares.

**(4) Screen Printer** – At least 2 yrs. experience. Knowledge in screen printing equipment & machines. Able to work flexible hours.

**(1) Multi Task - Graphic Designer/Screen Printer –** At least 2 yrs. experience. Knowledge in screen printing equipment & machines and work related experience.

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Must be a high school graduate or college level with 2-5 years experience as an administrative assistant. Knowledge of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records, stenography and transcription, designing forms, and other office procedures and terminology.Perform general office duties, such as ordering supplies, maintaining records management database systems, and performing basic bookkeeping work. Know how to drive vehicle.

**Accounting Technician (2) $6.55-7.50/hr.**
Must be B.S. Accounting graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as an Accounting Technician. Must know how to prepare all CNMI taxes and licenses.Capable of performing combines routine calculations, posting and verifying duties to obtain primary financial data to maintain accounting records, filing or organize company documents.

**Carpenter (5) minimum $6.55 -6.60/hr.**
Must be a high school graduate with minimum 5 years experience as a Carpenter, With knowledge how to construct, erect, install, or repair structures and fixtures made of wood, such as concrete forms; building frameworks, including partitions, joists, studding, and rafters; and wood stairways, window and door frames, and hardwood floors.

**Civil Engineering Technicians (1) $6.55-7.00/hour**
Must be a college graduate with minimum of 2- years experience as a Civil Engineering Technician with knowledge how to apply Theory and Principles of Civil Engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction, structure maintenance and facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientists.

**Construction Manager (1) $10.00-13.87/hour**
Must be a college graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as a Construction Manager. Know how to plan, direct or coordinate, usually through subordinate supervisory personnel, activities concerned with the construction and maintenance of structures, facilities, and systems.

**Electrician (2) $6.55 - $7.15/hour**
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years experience as Electrician. With knowledge on how to install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Able to install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems.

**Heavy Equipment Mechanic (1) $6.55 - $7.00/hour**
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 5 years experience as Heavy Equipment Mechanic. With knowledge how to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automobiles, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks and conveyors, typically used in constructions.

**Heavy Equipment Operator (20) $6.55 - $7.00/hour**
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years' experience as HE Operator. With knowledge how to operate several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, trenching machine, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concretes and etc.

**Mason (1) minimum $6.55 -6.60/hr.**
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 3 years experience as Mason. With knowledge how to do smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks.

**Truck Driver (1) $6.55 - $7.45/hour**
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2-5 years experiences as a Truck Driver with knowledge on how to drive a Tractor Trailer or Trucks that has a capacity of at least 26,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight(GVW) for various construction materials transportation.

Interested applicants may apply at Apex Builder's Inc. office located at As Perdido, Saipan, CNMI. A copy of police clearance must be attached to the application. Incomplete application will NOT be accepted. Skills, testing maybe required.
Apex Builder's Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Run Date: May 26, 27, 30, 31 and June 01, 2016
Closing date will be on June 02, 2016.

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SINCE 1914
**Atkins Kroll (Saipan), Inc.**
(An Inchcape Company)

**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Car Rental Agent (2 openings)
- High school diploma required. Minimum two years experience in car rental; Computer literate; Must be punctual and able to work night shifts; must be able to effectively communicate with customers of different nationalities; and able to work under pressure in a fast-paced working environment.

Auto Detailer (1 opening)
- Minimum two years experience in automotive detailing. Knowledge of Toyota vehicles a plus.

Service Advisor (1 opening); Body Shop Estimator (1 opening)
- High school diploma required. Minimum two years experience in related field. Computer literate, experience in auto dealership software preferred. Must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Must be detail oriented, have excellent paperwork skills and well organized.

**COMPETITIVE WAGES & EXCELLENT BENEFITS**
Benefits: Medical and Dental Insurance Plan, 401k Retirement Plan, Long Term Disability and Life Insurance.

Drug test required. If you meet these qualifications submit your resume to hr@akguam.net or apply in person at AK Saipan Finance and Admin Office.
No phone calls please.

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**CHONG'S CORPORATION**
**Job Vacancy Announcement**

**Six (6) TECHNICIANS-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION**
- Install, service and repair of Central Air-conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Systems
- Repair and service of Chilled Water Air-conditioning System
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

Other requirements:
- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- EPA Section 608 (Certifications required)
- Maintenance Technician & Electrical Safety Course in accordance with 29CFR 1910 Standard (Preferable)
- Must possess good communication skill

**One (1) HEAD TECHNICIAN-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION**
- Read and interpret blueprints, technical drawings, schematics and computer-generated reports
- Establish and coordinate maintenance and safety procedures, service schedule and supply of materials required to maintain equipment
- Oversee installation, operation, maintenance and repair to ensure equipment are functioning according to specifications
- Install, service and repair of Central Air-conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Systems
- Repair and service of Chilled Water Air-conditioning System
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

Other requirements:
- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- 4-year Bachelor of Science degree from reputable College or University
- Must possess good communication skill

**Two (2) SHEET METAL WORKERS**
- Fabricate and install sheet metal & fiberglass products & equipment such as ducts, control boxes, drain pipes & furnace casings
- Set-up and operate fabricating equipment and machines, soldering and welding equipment
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans and specifications
- Minimum 5-year work experience required

**One (1) HVAC/R SALES REPRESENTATIVE**
- Knowledgeable of HVAC-R Equipment and Parts sale
- Knowledgeable of product selection, listing of order and inventory
- Must be proficient on Computer Software such as Peachtree Accounting System, MS Excel and MS Word
- Minimum 3-year work experience required

E-mail resume to chongs@pticom.com

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**Saipan Adventures, Inc.**
is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

**(3) Customer Service Specialist**
High school diploma or equivalent. Two (2) months work experience in Travel or Tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends.

**(1) Customer Service Agent**
High School Diploma or equivalent with at least two (2) months work experience in travel/tour operation or sales or service based work environment, room reservations and vendor relations. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications (Excel, MS Word, Outlook, Power Point). Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes.

Interested applicants may send their applications to savi_recruitment@tanholdings.com.
To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than June 10, 2016. Applications for Employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the Century Tours Office, Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village.
Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

**Saipan Adventures is an Equal Opportunity Employer**
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

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Cosmos Distributing Co. (Spn) Ltd. Is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following postions:

Sales Representatives (2)
Associate's degree in Sales & Marketing or Accounting with minimum of 3 years experience in sales. Proven skills in product marketing and providing excellent customer service are required. Must be proficient in MS Excel and Word for preparation of reports and Outlook for email. Must provide for his/her own reliable transportation for out-of-office work activities and must also be able to meet monthly sales targets. Applicant needs to be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Extensive contacts in various businesses and industries are advantage. Available to work on evenings, holidays, weekends.

Sales Representatives – Hospitality Industry and Lubricants
A minimum of 3 years work related experience required with a successful sales record. Preferably with Associate's Degree in Sales & Marketing. Sales experience with hotel, F&B, and restaurants together with knowledge of their inventory and supply operations an advantage. Knowledge of petroleum lubricants is a plus. Proven good tract records in product marketing and excellent customer service are required. Must be proficient in MS Excel and Word for preparation of report and Outlook for email. Must provide for his/her own reliable transportation for out-of-office work activities and must also be able to meet monthly sales targets. Applicant needs to be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Extensive contacts in various businesses and industries are advantage. Available to work on evenings, holidays, weekends.

Business Operations Manager
Graduate of 4-year Business or Accounting course and at least 6 years of progressive management experience in wholesaling and product distribution. Minimum of 5 years general management experience in warehouse, sales, purchasing and distribution activities. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, MAS90/Sage Accounting Software and Microsoft software. Must have a solid track record in meeting business objective.

Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment. Salaries will be commensurate with qualifications and experiences. For applications to be considered, they should be sent to hrd@cosmosdistributing.com not later than June 15, 2016.

L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

**Management Accountant (2)**
College degree with accounting or financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in analyzing, interpreting and providing sound financial information. Must be adept in monthly financial statement preparation and consolidation, cash flow forecasting, budgeting, and providing financial projections. Must have excellent communication, organizational and self-management skills. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft Excel, Power Point and Project. CPA not required.

**Building Cleaner (4)**
High School Diploma or equivalent. Must have at least 3 years working experience. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Important qualities: detailed oriented, responsible. Interpersonal skills. Must get along well with people they provide services for and must be polite and friendly. Physical stamina. Must be able to spend many hours on their feet scrubbing, bending, stooping, and stretching and must be able to lift or move up to 50 pounds. Must be able to work flexible hours and days.

**Accountant (4)**
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in financial management and/or payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

**Business Development Manager**
Graduate of a 4-year degree course with an Accounting or Financial Management major and at least 5 years of progressive financial and business management experience. Minimum of 3 years general management experience preferably in a financing or banking institution. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software and Microsoft software. Should possess a solid track record of accomplishing business objectives.

**Accounting Manager**
College degree with financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software.

**Accounting Supervisor**
A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a focus in accounting and/or finance. 2-3 years of progressive responsibility supervising a minimum of 3 associates. CPA/CPA candidate a plus. Audit experience also preferred. Must have knowledge with the use of SAP R3 FICO System and SAP Fixed Asset Module. Microsoft Office proficiency with advanced knowledge of Excel is a must.

**Administrative Assistant (2)**
Associate's Degree with 2 years experience of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records. Must be proficient in typing and good at written and oral communication. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service and interpersonal skills at work. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights. Proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and Outlook.

**Messenger (2)**
High school graduate. Must be able to keep track of multiple documents and itemize. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Good oral and written communication skills and good driving skills are required. Must provide and maintain own vehicle for work and have a valid driver's license. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

**Administrative Assistant for Sports Facilities (3)**
High school diploma or GED certificate plus 2 years experience working in sports organization or sports facilities. Training & coaching experience preferred but not required. Must be proficient in typing with good written and oral communication skills. Proficient in MS Office including Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. Can work flexible hours and available on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

**Air conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic (3)**
Associate's Degree or Vocational School graduate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, servicing, and repairing air conditioning and refrigerating systems in residences and commercial establishments. Must have his/her own reliable transportation and must be able to work flexible hours.

**HR & Administrative Assistant**
Associate's Degree. Must have knowledge of principles and procedures for personnel recruitment, selection, benefits and personnel information systems. Knowledge of business and management principles involved in strategic planning, resource allocation, human resources modeling, leadership technique, production methods, and coordination of people and resources. Ability to work in confidential related matters, self-directed and be able to multi-task in a fast paced environment. With a minimum of 2 years work experience in human resource, administrative and accounting. Proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and Outlook.

**Vice President**
Graduate of a 4-year degree course with a minimum of **10 years** of professional progressive management and at least **5 years** in general management experience in property management, hotel management, and tourism & cargo business experience for Korean Market. Proficient in English & Korean languages. Knowledge of lease negotiations plus financial and quality management is required. Must have a solid track record in accomplishing business objectives.

**Electrician**
High school diploma or GED certificate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, maintaining, and/or repairing electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Must have knowledge of electrical codes, intercom and electrical control systems. Must be able to work flexible hours.

**General Maintenance Worker (10)**
High school diploma or equivalent with at least 3 years experience especially in equipment and appliance repair. Must have some basic knowledge and troubleshooting experience in plumbing and electrical systems, masonry, carpentry, and other cleaning and general maintenance work inside and outside facilities. Must be able to lift and move heavy supplies and objects. Must be willing to work flexible hours.

**Network Administration Manager**
Associate's degree in any computer science, information engineering or other computer technology related areas. Must have at least 5 years of sound experience in local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, planning, designing, implementation, and user support. Must have knowledge in MS Exchange Email Server.

**Engineering Manager**
Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with at least 5 years of progressive management experience. Ability to successfully develop, implement and manage projects including the ability to provide effective leadership is a must. Adeptness in cost estimation and knowledge of quality control and federal regulations in environmental and occupational safety hazards is required. The duties of this job require constant outside travel and exposure to outside weather conditions. Must be able to provide his/her own transportation and must have a valid driver's license.

**Sales Officer**
Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Must be able to prepare management and sales reports and is proficient in various MS office software operations. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

**Legal Secretary (2)**
Associates degree and at least 2 years work related experience in a legal office. Proficient in case and document management software, Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook. Familiar in preparation and filing of pleadings and legal documents.

**Corporate Paralegal Officer**
Bachelor's degree in paralegal studies or in any related field. Minimum of 3 years experience providing sound legal research, reliable litigation support and preparation of legal documents, pleadings and contracts. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Familiarity with Lexis - Nexis and Pacer - ECF is required.

**IT Manager**
College degree with a major in computer science, computer technology or information engineering or other related areas is required. At least 5 years of progressive management experience and 8 years of sound and all-around IT technical experience is required. Must have well-developed written/oral and management skills and with a strong background in all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements.

**Computer Technician**
Associate's degree in any computer science, information technology or other related areas. Must have at least 3 years of sound experience in electronics and communication systems with emphasis on the repair of computer equipment and installation of telephone cables/systems. Must be knowledgeable in different software applications and in hardware troubleshooting. Must be able to work flexible hours.

**Graphic Designer**
Associate's degree in Fine Arts, Graphic Design or other related areas. Minimum of 3 years work experience in creating graphics to meet specific commercial or promotional needs. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, depending on demand.

**Programmer Analyst (2)**
Associate's degree in computer science or computer programming and at least 3 years of work-related experience in a professional Microsoft Windows environment. Strong practical knowledge in relational databases management particularly in midrange RDMS environment such as SQL server. Knowledge in windows-based and web-based programming is a must.

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A pre-employment drug testing is required.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.
To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Wednesday, June 08, 2016.

**L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

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**UNDERWATER ADVENTURES, LLC.**
**Vacancy Announcement**

**1-General Manager**
Salary $1800 - $2500 p/m. 2 years management experience. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License preferred. Proficient in English & Japanese (reading, writing, speaking)

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to edwardcalvo@gmail.com

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**United Brothers Inc.**
Is looking for the following:

- Auto Mechanic (3)
- Painter (3)
- Body Repairer (3)
- Machinist (3)
- H.E. Operator (3)

Minimum of 5 years experience.
**Call 323-1328 for inquiries.**

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**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**
Blue Star Corporation need:

**(1) Tour Coordinator**
Can speak Korean and English
Must have 3 years experience

Contact No. 323-1259

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**(1) Computer User Support Specialist:**
Bachelor's Degree with 5 years experience
Proficiency in network troubleshooting and configuration, Microsoft Operating System & Server, Linux, Java Programming, Autocad, and Computer Software and Hardware Troubleshooting.

Respond to N15 Architects by Email to admin@n15architects.com

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**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**
**Bookkeeper**

- With 5 years minimum experience
- Must have strong communications skills and can work on flexible hours without supervision
- Knowledge in on-line marketing preferred

Please contact (670) 235-1004
from 1:00pm – 5:00pm
**JOCELYN MONES TAITANO**
**Accounting Services and On-line Marketing**

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FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN
*A TanHoldings Company*

**Housekeeping Cleaner (2)**
**Qualifications:** High school diploma or equivalent. Minimum of 6 months work experience in a hotel is preferred. Able to speak and write English. Ability to speak foreign Language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, Holidays, weekends and nights. Must be able to lift and carry heavy objects.

**Accounting Analyst Accounts Payable Disbursements (1)**
**Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred or three (3) years work experience within the field preferably from a high volume hotel operations. Is responsible for coordinating and maintaining accounts payable from receipt of source documents to reconciliation of transactions to General Ledger and disbursements. Must be proficient in SAP, Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasions including weekends and holidays.

Interested applicants may obtain and submit application form from our security office located at the South Wing. To be considered, all applications must be submitted no later than June 5, 2016. Background check and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

**Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

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Job Vacancy Announcement
**MUSICIAN**

With five (5) years minimum experience as a professional musician. Must have the ability to sing, harmonize and play musical instruments, preferably Electric/Acoustic Guitar, as soloists or as a member of the band. Be able to perform several musical styles/music genre to various customers such as but not limited to Japanese, Korean & Chinese. An extensive experience in entertaining live audiences in Hotel lobbies, concert halls, and Casino is an advantage. Competent in the use of musical sequencer, synthesizers and PA systems. Experience as sound technician is an advantage.

Email resume to
PIAO INVESTMENT CORPORATION
(mapagahes@gmail.com)

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JWS

**JWS Air Conditioning & Refrigeration.,**
a leader in the field
of refrigeration and air conditioning,
and serving the CNMI, Guam and Micronesia is seeking

**Air Conditioning Service Technicians.**

We are an innovative company with continual growth.

Must be EPA Certified
Exceptional trouble shooting, repair and service skills of various types of A/C and Refrigeration equipment.
3 years Experience
Excellent Customer Service & Communication Skills
Computer literate, tools of the trade essential

Email resume to jwssaipan@pticom.com
Or Call 670-235-5572 to Drop off Resume.

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**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**
**NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION**
P.O. BOX 500514, Saipan, MP 96950-0514
Email: nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp • Website: http://www.nmhcgov.net

## RE-ANNOUNCEMENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Opening Date:** May 25, 2016
**Closing Date:** June 14, 2016

**Position:** Appliance Technician I
**Salary:** PL 25/01 to PL 25/09 ($17,700.92 to $26,131.39 per annum)
*(Starting salary will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.)*

**Job Location:** NMHC Central Office, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950

Detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be picked up, together with NMHC's employment application form, during regular working hours at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan during regular working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI and austerity holidays.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

Applicants are requested to submit their original application and supporting documents to the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, no later than 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, 2016, **OR MAILED AND POSTMARKED** no later than June 14, 2016, to the Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Ms. Jocelyn C. Seman, Office Manager at (670) 234-9447/7689 or by email to officemanager@nmhcgov.net. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
Corporate Director

## NOW HIRING ASSISTANT MANAGER

# WILL TRAIN AMBITIOUS PERSON WITH GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Applicant must be willing & eager to learn in a business new to Saipan. Prefer some bookkeeping experience, computer skills. Must be 21 years of age or older.

Police Clearance required.
Bring resume to Club 88 @ Saipan Ocean View Hotel,
Beach Rd. Garapan

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Saipan Tribune, Inc. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

**Accounting and Circulations Manager**
College degree with financial management major and 3 years of progressive financial management and newspaper circulation experience. Minimum of 5 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management and newspaper circulation activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage a work team and independent contractors. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software. CPA not required.

**Associate Editor**
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any other related course with at least 5 years experience, including newsroom management, story evaluation, and production. Must have strong rewriting, headlining, and proofreading skills and must be able to meet tight deadlines. Preferably with an extensive experience in sports writing.

**Circulations Coordinator**
Associates degree with a minimum of 2 years progressively responsible work experience. Requirements include professional customer service and good driving skills. Must be able to routinely lift and move bundles of newspapers up to 50 lbs.

**Graphic Designer (3)**
Associate's degree in Graphic Design or other related field. Minimum of 3 years work experience doing computer graphics and newspaper layout. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Must be familiar with offset printing process, computer peripherals, and Mac operating system. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, weekends, and holidays, depending on demand.

**Managing Editor**
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course. At least 8 years progressive journalism and newspaper management experience with a strong story evaluation and production background. Must have rigorous proofreading skills and able to meet tight deadlines. Knows how to use InDesign or Quark Express and must be adept in the various technical aspects of newspaper publishing.

**Reporter (2)**
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course; At least 3 years work related experience; Above-average writing skills and a competent grasp of grammar and syntax; With rigorous standards for accuracy and detail; Ability to work within deadlines and in a stressful environment; Knowledgeable in all types of writing, including news and features; With photography skills. Must have own reliable transportation

**Sports Reporter**
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English or any related course; At least 2 years experience in sports writing. Above average writing skills, with strong grasp of grammar and syntax. Must be able to write stories based on score sheets. Can work fast within deadlines and in a stressful environment. Fast learner, self-starter, and a team player. Must be able to work on holidays, weekends, late nights, and on a short notice. Must be computer literate and have photography skills. Must have own reliable transportation.

**Accountant**
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work-related experience in general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and PowerPoint software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

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Applications can be obtained and submitted at Saipan Tribune, Inc. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan or e-mail it to Int_recruitment@tanholdings.com. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

**Saipan Tribune, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

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## CHAMPION FINANCE

Champion Finance is looking for Dynamic individuals who would like to be a part of our team for the following post.

## Loan / Financial Manager

**Duties:**
- Review loan agreements to ensure that they are complete and accurate according to policy.
- Approve, reject, or coordinate the approval or rejection of lines of credit or commercial, real estate, or personal loans.
- Analyze applicants' financial status, credit, and property evaluations to determine feasibility of granting loans.
- Review collection reports to determine the status of collections and the amounts of outstanding balances.
- Set credit policies, credit lines, procedures and standards in conjunction with senior managers.
- Oversee the flow of cash or financial instruments.
- Prepare financial or regulatory reports required by laws, regulations, or boardsof directors.
- Develop or analyze information to assess the current or future financial status of firms.
- Evaluate financial reporting systems, accounting or collection procedures, or investment activities and make recommendations for changes to procedures, operating systems, budgets, or other financial control functions.
- Establish procedures for custody or control of assets, records, loan collateral, or securities to ensure safekeeping.
- Plan, direct, and coordinate risk and insurance programs of establishments to control risks and losses.

**Education/Experience:**
- Bachelor's Degree in Finance, Business Administration or Accounting and 2 years' experience in Finance will be a plus. Salary will be discussed upon interview.

Interested candidates are requested to submit their resumes or pick up an employment application at
Champion Finance, 3rd floor, Marianas Business Plaza, Suite 316-B
or email championfinancecnmi@gmail.com

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## BUBBA GUMP SHRIMP CO. RESTAURANT & MARKET

***is now accepting applications for experienced:***

- **Supervisors**
- **Kitchen Helpers**
- **Servers**
- **Cooks**

**Apply in person at the Triple J Corporate Office,**
**Ground Floor, Silver Hotel,**
**Brigida St., Chalan Kanoa**
**Monday through Friday,**
**9am to 12noon.**

**NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.**
**corpoffice@triplejsaipan.com**

***Triple J is an Equal Opportunity Employer.***

# Curry, record-setting Warriors headed back to finals

**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP)—Stephen Curry knocked down yet another 3-pointer in the waning moments, pulled his jersey up into his mouth and yelled to the rafters in triumph once more.

A special, record-setting season saved for the defending champs, with a memorable comeback added to the long list of accomplishments.

Splash Brothers Curry and Klay Thompson carried the 73-win Warriors right back to the NBA Finals, as Golden State rallied from a 3-1 series deficit to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 96-88 on Monday night in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals.

Now, Curry and Co. are playing for another NBA title - just as they planned since Day 1 of training camp in September.

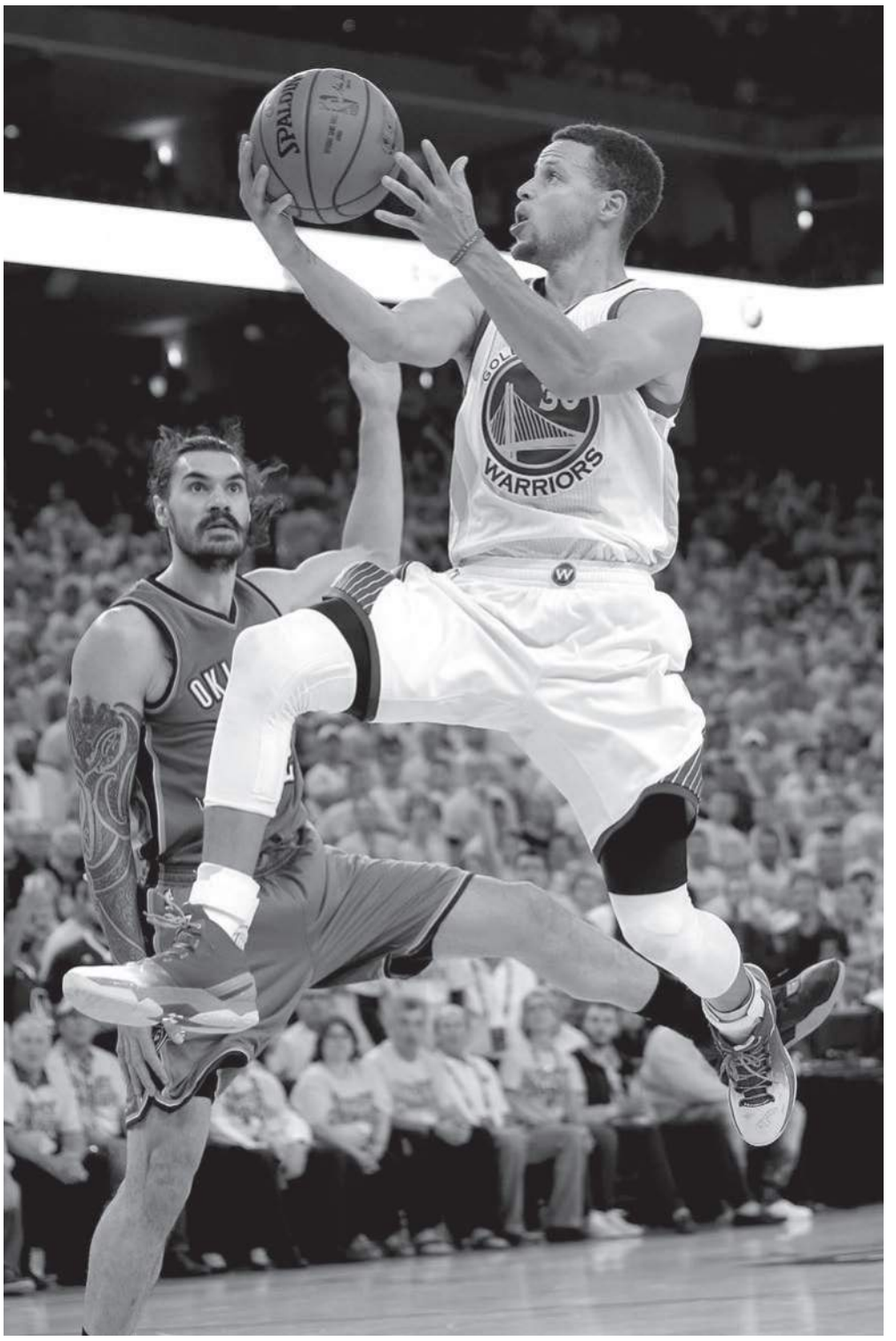
Bring on LeBron James again.

"You appreciate how tough it is to get back here," Curry said. "You've got to be appreciative of this accomplishment, and look forward to getting four more wins."

The MVP scored 36 points with seven 3-pointers to finish with an NBA-record 32 in a seven-game series, and also had eight assists. Thompson added 21 points and six 3s, two days after his record 11 3-pointers led a Game 6 comeback that sent the series home to raucous Oracle Arena for one more.

The Warriors became the 10th team to rally from a 3-1 deficit and win a postseason series. They return to the NBA Finals for a rematch with James and the Cleveland Cavaliers, who lost the 2015 title in six games as Golden State captured its first championship in 40 years.

Game 1 is Thursday night in Oakland.



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) shoots against Oklahoma City Thunder center Steven Adams during the second half of Game 7 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals in Oakland, Calif., Monday, May 30, 2016.

"We survived by the skin of our teeth," coach Steve Kerr said. "We were able to pull it out, and we're moving on."

His signature mouthpiece dangling out and the game ball cradled in his left hand, Curry pumped his right arm as yellow confetti fell through Oracle Arena once the final buzzer sounded.

With the Thunder trailing 90-86, Serge Ibaka fouled Curry on a 3-point try with 1:18 to go and the shot clock running out. Curry made all three free throws, then that 3-pointer to seal it.

"This is who he is. Having a clutch performance in a Game 7, that's Steph Curry," Kerr said.

And Golden State's beloved "Strength In Numbers" catchphrase coined by Coach of the Year Kerr was needed in every way.

"No one ever had any doubt that we could get this done," Draymond Green said. "People have seen teams down 3-1 before but they ain't seen many. They've definitely never seen a 73-win team down 3-1."

Andre Iguodala joined the starting lineup for just the second time all season and the 2015 NBA Finals MVP hung tough against Kevin Durant, who scored 27 points on 10-for-19 shooting. Shaun Livingston's breakaway, one-handed dunk late in the third provided a big lift off the Warriors bench.

Oklahoma City won Game 1 108-102 at deafening Oracle Arena, so Golden State never envisioned this one coming easily. Russell Westbrook had 19 points, 13 assists and seven rebounds for the Thunder.

"It hurts losing, especially being up 3 games to 1," Durant said.

It took a quarter and a half for Thompson to warm up after his 41-point performance in a 108-101 win Saturday at Oklahoma City that sent the series back to the East Bay.

He missed his initial seven shots before hitting a 3 6:02 before halftime, energizing the Warriors in their first Game 7 at home in 40 years.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Thompson and Iguodala pulled the Warriors within 54-51 with 7:57 left in the third. They tied it on Curry's 3 at 7:21 and he followed with another 3 to give his team the lead.

Curry and Thompson each topped the previous record for 3s in a seven-game series, 28 by Dennis Scott and Ray Allen. Curry hit one over 7-foot Steven Adams in the third, and Thompson wound up with 30 3s.

Iguodala replaced Harrison Barnes in the starting lineup and what a move by Kerr, who did the same thing last year in crunch time. Iguodala made a pretty bounce pass through the paint to Green for Golden State's first basket, and his smothering defense on Durant kept the Thunder star without a shot until his 3 at the 5:45 mark in the first. Durant had just nine points on five shots in the first half.

But Oklahoma City dictated the tempo with snappy passes and the hard, aggressive rebounding that had been such a part of its success this season. The Thunder couldn't sustain it.

"They won a world championship last year, and they've broken an NBA record, and people are already talking about it before the playoffs started, this may be the greatest team to ever lace them up in the history of the NBA," Thunder coach Billy Donovan said.

The Warriors, who fell behind 35-22, lost their last Game 7 at home: 94-86 to Phoenix in the Western Conference finals on May 16, 1976.

# *After playoff collapse, Durant future is Thunder's question*

**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP)—As Stephen Curry dribbled out the clock in a raucous Oracle Arena, Kevin Durant could only stand and watch.

The Golden State Warriors are heading back to the NBA Finals, while Durant's future in Oklahoma City is much less certain.

Two nights after blowing an opportunity to close out the defending champion Warriors at home, the Thunder got sent home for the summer when they lost Game 7 of the Western Conference finals 96-88 on Monday night.

"We wanted to win the whole thing," Durant said. "There's no moral victories in our locker room after the game. We were all upset. We wanted to get a chance to play for a championship in the finals, so that hurts."

Instead of becoming known as the team that knocked off the Warriors after their record-setting 73-win regular season, the Thunder will be remembered for a playoff collapse. They became just the 10th NBA team to lose a playoff series after taking a 3-1 lead and now head into an uncertain offseason with Durant eligible to become an unrestricted free agent.

Durant said it was too soon to even think about what will happen in July.

"Unfortunately we didn't come out on top," Durant said. "That's something that all the guys are upset about. But we laid it all out there. Everybody left their soul out on the court. We have no regrets."

If he does leave the only franchise he has played for in his nine-year career, he will do it having failed to deliver the championship to Oklahoma City. The closest the Thunder have gotten in Durant's tenure was when they lost the NBA Finals in five games to LeBron James and the Miami Heat in 2012.

They then lost in the second round the next season, in the conference finals in 2014 to San Antonio before missing the playoffs entirely because of an injury to Durant last year.

But under first-year coach Billy Donovan, Oklahoma City earned the third seed in the top-heavy Western Conference this season and then upset 67-win San Antonio in the second round. The Thunder followed that by winning three of the first four games against the Warriors, with a pair of lopsided wins at home.

But after losing Game 5 on the road, the Thunder blew an opportunity to eliminate the Warriors at home on Saturday night. Oklahoma City led by seven points with less than five minutes remaining but made only one basket and committed six turnovers down the stretch of a 108-101 loss that could haunt the franchise for years.

"There was an opportunity for us to close the series out in 5 and 6 and 7 and we came up a little short," Donovan said. "But I don't know if that tells the story of the full seven games if you look at the entirety."

The Thunder responded on the road in Game 7 by taking a 13-point lead in the second quarter. But once Curry and Klay Thompson started hitting Oklahoma City with a flurry of 3-pointers, the Thunder had no answer. The Splash Brothers combined for 13 3-pointers as Golden State outscored Oklahoma City by 30 points from behind the line.

"They beat us in the 3-point line the last two games," Durant said. "We beat them everywhere else, they beat us from the 3-point line and that was the series."

Oklahoma City's stars were no match. Russell Westbrook missed 14 of 21 from the field and shot just 36.8 percent in the three potential clinchers. Durant finished with 27 points but took only 10 shots in the first three quarters.

Durant did score seven straight points to cut an 11-point deficit to four with 1:40 remaining. But Serge Ibaka then fouled Curry on a 3-pointer with the shot clock running down, allowing Golden State to build the lead back to seven.

"That was the dagger for us," Durant said. "That kind of hurt us."

Durant then missed two shots and could only stare blankly when Curry ended Oklahoma City's season with a 3-pointer with 26.8 seconds left. Now the Thunder can only hope it doesn't end Durant's tenure in Oklahoma City as well.

"We just lost like 30 minutes ago," Durant said. "I haven't even thought about it. I'm just embracing my teammates and reflecting on the season."

# Harvey rediscovers form, leads Mets over White Sox

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Matt Harvey rediscovered his form with seven dominant innings of two-hit ball, Neil Walker homered off Jose Quintana, and the New York Mets beat Chicago 1-0 Monday to send the reeling White Sox to their seventh straight loss.

Harvey (4-7) has been one of baseball's biggest puzzles, transforming from a premier pitcher to baffled ballplayer.

With both teams wearing special Memorial Day uniforms with camouflage lettering and trim, Harvey struck out six and walked two to win for the first time since May 8. His fastball velocity was up markedly, and he threw 61 of 87 pitches for strikes.

AP

New York Mets starting pitcher Matt Harvey throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox at Citi Field, Monday, May 30, 2016 in New York.

### Red Sox 7, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, Xander Bogaerts extended his hitting streak to 23 games and drove in two runs, Jackie Bradley put Boston ahead for good with a sixth-inning homer and the Red Sox beat Baltimore in a matchup of the top two teams in the AL East.

David Ortiz and rookie Marco Hernandez also homered for the Red Sox, who stretched their division lead to two games. Both drives came in a four-run eighth.

### Cubs 2, Dodgers 0

In Chicago, Travis Wood and three other relievers combined for seven perfect innings after starter Jason Hammel left with cramps, and Chicago held Los Angeles to one hit in a victory.

Hammel exited after his right hamstring cramped while warming up for the third inning. Wood (3-0) pitched four perfect innings in his longest stint of the season.

### Angels 5, Tigers 1

In Anaheim, Jhoulys Chacin threw a four-hitter to win a scintillating duel with Justin Verlander, and Cliff Pennington's tiebreaking RBI single during a five-run eighth inning propelled Los Angeles over Detroit.

Chacin (1-1) and Verlander (4-5) combined to retire the first 27 batters at Angel Stadium before C.J. Cron's single leading off the fifth for Los Angeles.

### Nationals 4, Phillies 3

In Philadelphia, Daniel Murphy hit a solo homer and tiebreaking two-run single, Tanner Roark threw seven sharp innings and Washington held on for a win over Philadelphia.

Bryce Harper left the game shortly after taking a fastball off the outside part of his right knee in the seventh.

### Blue Jays 4, Yankees 2

In Toronto, Marco Estrada pitched eight scoreless innings, Ryan Goins homered and Toronto beat New York for its fifth win in six games.

Estrada (3-2) allowed three hits and won back-to-back starts for the first time this season. He beat the Yankees in New York last week.

### Cardinals 6, Brewers 0

In Milwaukee, Matt Carpenter had four hits and scored three times, Carlos Martinez pitched eight innings and St. Louis beat Milwaukee.

Martinez (5-5) allowed five singles, walked one and struck out eight, rebounding nicely after having allowed at least four runs in each of his three previous starts.

### Athletics 3, Twins 2

In Oakland, Coco Crisp homered leading off the game, Khris Davis hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the sixth inning and Oakland beat Minnesota.

Kendall Graveman (2-6) pitched six uneven innings to win for the first time in more than a month for the A's.

### Reds 11, Rockies 8

In Denver, Adam Duvall had his first career two-homer game, Joey Votto hit his 200th homer and Eugenio Suarez -- who came in mired in an 0-for-28 skid -- also went deep in Cincinnati's victory over Colorado.

Zack Cozart also homered for the light-hitting Reds, who collected a season-best 17 hits.

### Astros 8, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Collin McHugh struck out eight in his first career complete game, Jason Castro had three RBI and Houston continued its recent surge with a win over Arizona.

The Astros jumped on Edwin Escobar (0-1) in his first big league start, scoring eight runs off the left-hander in 3 1/3 innings.

### Mariners 9, Padres 3

In Seattle, Kyle Seager's two-run homer in the sixth inning snapped a 2-all tie and Dae-Ho Lee's three-run shot capped a five-run eighth inning to give Seattle a victory over San Diego.

The Padres lost for the seventh time in eight games as starter Andrew Cashner (2-5) pitching a season-high 6 1/3 innings.

### Braves 5, Giants 3

In Atlanta, Mallex Smith hit a three-run triple in the second inning, Mike Foltynewicz continued his recent upswing by allowing only three hits and one run in six-plus innings and Atlanta beat Jeff Samardzija and San Francisco Giants.

The Braves survived San Francisco's two-run, ninth-inning rally.

### Rangers 9, Indians 2

In Cleveland, Nomar Mazara hit a three-run homer, Ian Desmond had a two-run shot and Texas beat Cleveland.

Derek Holland (4-4) pitched six innings and gave up one run—a solo homer by Mike Napoli—to win for the first time since April 30.

### Pirates 10, Marlins 0

In Miami, Jeff Locke tossed a three-hitter and Pittsburgh beat Miami.

Locke (4-3) struck out one and did not walk a batter while throwing 67 of 105 pitches for strikes. It was his first complete game in 101 career starts.

### Royals 6, Rays 2

In Kansas City, Eric Hosmer hit a three-run homer after Lorenzo Cain drove in the go-ahead run in a four-run eighth inning and Kansas City defeated Tampa Bay.

The Royals have won four straight, matching their season best streak, and have scored 19 runs after the sixth innings in those victories.

## French Open washed out for 1st time in 16 years

**PARIS** (AP)—Not so much the French Open as the French closed.

For the first time in 16 years, unrelenting rain Monday washed out a full day of play at the only Grand Slam tennis venue without a retractable roof over its show court, clogging the schedule with unfinished and postponed matches and prompting the frustrated tournament director to plead—again—for a roof as soon as possible.

"Our roof is a necessity," Guy Forget said, as players were sent back to their hotels and thousands of would-be spectators told to apply for refunds for their unused tickets.

"I'm a bit annoyed today, to say the least."

Chopped and changed plans to modernize Roland Garros now call for a retractable roof by 2020 over Court Philippe Chatrier, as part of a modernization of the cramped clay-court venue in the west of Paris. But opposition and legal action from local residents and environmental activists has slowed the ambitious project, which would expand Roland Garros into botanical gardens next door. Tournament organizers hope a ruling expected in September from the Council of State, France's highest administrative authority, will allow work to proceed.

With damp spectators sheltering where they could from the downpours and no letup forecast, tournament organizers announced in the early afternoon that there would be no play at all for the first time since May 30, 2000.

"We knew today was going to be horrible and it went beyond what we had imagined. That's why we sent back the players so early," Forget said.

If the weather breaks Tuesday, matches will start three hours earlier than initially planned and be spread over more courts. Despite forecasts of more rain, Forget said he is "pretty positive" there will be play. The schedule for Tuesday now has top-ranked Novak Djokovic against 14th-seeded Roberto Bautista Agut in the first match on Chatrier, playing for a place in the quarterfinals.

They will be followed by defending champion Serena Williams in her delayed fourth-round match against 18th-seeded Elina Svitolina. Venus Williams' match against 2015 semifinalist Timea Bacsinszky was supposed to have been played on Chatrier on Monday but was rescheduled as the third match Tuesday on Court Suzanne Lenglen.

The first men's quarterfinals are also scheduled: Second-seeded Andy Murray against Richard Gasquet is the third match on Chatrier, and defending champion Stan Wawrinka against Albert Ramos-Vinolas of Spain is scheduled last on Lenglen.

For the tournament to have the singles finals over the weekend as planned, players could be asked to play on consecutive days, as opposed to every two days, which is usual when conditions are ideal. That should not be a huge problem in women's singles, which play best-of-three sets, but could be tougher on men if their singles matches go to five sets. Forget didn't rule out that the finals could also be postponed.

"We are not that far back on schedule," Forget said. "If they do have, eventually at one point, to play two matches, then I guess the fittest guy will be rewarded for it."

The backlog also includes two fourth-round women's singles matches - Simona Halep vs. Samantha Stosur, and Tsvetana Pironkova vs. Agnieszka Radwanksa—that were pulled off court unfinished on Sunday evening because of rain and darkness.

Eight other fourth-round singles matches - four men's and four women's - also didn't get started Monday. Also postponed were more than 50 matches in the doubles and junior tournaments. There was no guarantee that Tuesday would be better: Weather forecasts for coming days were grim, with more downpours expected Tuesday before a hoped-for break in the clouds Wednesday.

With a new retractable roof scheduled to be available at this year's U.S. Open, the French Open is the only Grand Slam tournament without a structure for play to continue under rain.

# Rio problems, doping issues on IOC agenda

**LAUSANNE, Switzerland** (AP)—With the opening ceremony in Rio de Janeiro just over two months away, Olympic leaders have plenty of troubling issues to deal with this week.

The Zika virus, unfinished venues and political chaos in Brazil. A flood of positive drug tests from the past two Summer Games. Fresh accusations of state-sponsored doping in Russia. Vote-buying allegations involving Tokyo's winning 2020 bid.

All these challenges and more will be on the table when the International Olympic Committee executive board holds a three-day meeting starting Wednesday in Lausanne. It's the last meeting before the IOC gathers in Rio on the eve of South America's first Olympics.

The policy-making board will also name the team of Olympic refugee athletes for Rio, consider the proposed five additional sports for the Tokyo Games, review the bidding for the 2024 Olympics and nominate several new IOC members.

"I can't recall an executive board meeting with so many issues on the agenda," IOC vice president Craig Reedie told The Associated Press. "There is a whole range of difficult issues facing the Olympic movement, led by Rio."

Rio organizing committee president Carlos Nuzman will give his latest update Thursday on preparations for the games, which open on Aug. 5. The buildup has been dogged by political, economic and public health crises.

Last week, a group of 150 scientists suggested the Olympics should be postponed or moved because of the outbreak of Zika, which has been linked to severe birth defects. But the World Health Organization said there was "no public health justification" for scrapping the games, and Olympic officials have repeatedly said they will go ahead.

Some leading athletes have expressed concerns about going to Rio. Spanish NBA star Pau Gasol said Monday he may skip the games because of the Zika threat and that other Spanish athletes were also considering staying away.

Meanwhile, Dilma Rousseff has been suspended as Brazil's president pending a Senate impeachment trial, with Michel Temer taking over as acting president. A final vote on removing Rousseff could come on Aug. 2 -- three days before the opening of the games.

Brazil is dealing with its worst economic recession since the 1930s, leading to the slashing of Olympic budgets.

# 2016 Toyota Yaris at stake at HANMI golf tourney

A 2016 Toyota Yaris is up for grabs at the 15th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament, as Atkins Kroll Toyota has joined a growing list of hole-in-one sponsors.

The redesigned 2016 2-tone hatchback is produced in France and is a major draw for the June 18 tournament that will take place at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

"We're extremely grateful to Atkins Kroll Toyota, Century Tours, Asiana Airlines and the other hole-in-one sponsors coming in for this year's tournament," said tournament chairman Paul Park. "With their support, the tournament will be a success and community organizations will continue to benefit from HANMI's annual charitable donations. We've had a hole-in-one winner before, hopefully this will be another lucky year"

Century Tours has donated a $20,000 hole-in-one prize for the tournament and numerous prizes, including hotel stays and other gift certificates that will be raffled off at the event awards ceremony.

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Atkins Kroll (Saipan) Toyota general manager Doug Brennan, third from right, and the AK Toyota team present a 2016 Toyota Yaris hatchback as a hole-in-one prize for the HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament slated for June 18 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

The tournament format is Blackjack Double Peoria. Winners of the 1st-5th place will each receive $500 and a hotel room night stay at a HANMI member hotels; winners of the 6th-10th place will each get $300 and a dinner gift certification, and winners of the 11th-15th place will each pocket $200 and a lunch gift certification. Five consolations prizes of $100 will also be awarded.

Registration forms are still available at www.saipanhotels.org, as well as Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, Mariana Country Club, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa, and Hyatt Regency Saipan. Early bird tournament fee is $110 for payments received before June 18. The fee includes green fee and the awards banquet. The fee increases to $130 after the early bird deadline. For an additional $30, players may also compete for nearest to the pin, most accurate drive, and most accurate drive circle hole contests. The tournament will start at 7am.

Part of the proceeds from the tournament will be donated to chosen groups. Last year, HANMI donated $20,000 in food to Karidat for typhoon recovery efforts. ***(PR)***

## TSUNAMI

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her old PBT (56.34 seconds) and in the 100m freestyle, she was able to break her record by about two seconds (from 1:30.46 to 1:28.88). Sean also made some PBTs," the Tsunami Saipan coach added.

Sekiguchi joined the girls 11 to 12 division, which was ruled by her teammate Sophia Gauran. It was a close fight for the gold medal in the division with Gauran getting 58 points to edge Tsunami Swim Club-ZZ's Risa Hendrix (55). Hendrix was just ahead by a point against Tsunami Saipan's Aika Watanabe, who shared the third place honors with Tsunami Swim Club-ZZ's Esabelle Eldridge.

"Sophia had a best time in the 50m breaststroke. Her 40.94 seconds was also the fastest among the female swimmers who completed the sprint event. Her time was even faster than the CNMI age group record (41.43 seconds) in the 17 to 18 division. It was a great time," Kimura said.

Meanwhile, two other Tsunami Saipan swimmers duplicated Gauran's gold medal win, while three others also made it to the podium.

Ashley Dangol lived up to expectations after topping the girls 9 to 10 division. She ruled all her seven events to claim 63 points and finish way ahead of Tsunami Swim Club-ZZ's Joy Blaz (49) and Andersen Marlins' Bethany Masum (48). Seven other swimmers joined the division.

Tsunami Saipan had a sweep in the 9 to 10 age group after Isaiah Aleksenko won the boys championship. He got 55 points to prevail in a close fight against Tsunami Swim Club-ZZ's Ty Leon Guerrero (53) and fellow Tsunami Saipan swimmer Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero (50).

Other podium finishers for Tsunami Saipan were Juhn Tenorio and Angel De Jesus, who were ranked third and second in the boys 11 to 12 and girls 17 to 18 divisions, respectively. Tenorio posted 53 points to join Tsunami Swim Club-ZZ's Chuckie White (59) and Manhoben's Mark Imazu in the Top 3. De Jesus, on the other hand, tallied 57 points to settle for the runner-up award behind champion Annabelle Alba (61 points) of Tsunami Swim Club-ZZ's, while Manhoben's Audrey Michelle Townsend (26 points) placed third.

After their notable performance in Guam, Kimura vowed his swimmers will not rest on their laurels.

"This summer, the training sessions will be very hard as our swimmers need to get stronger and faster. We are also planning to have a time trial and will encourage our swimmers to update their personal best times," Kimura said.

## RED SOX

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Red Sox closer Henry Fleming fanned out Josenio Alvarez and Cruz caught a fly ball from Philip Kapileo, leaving the two Braves runners stranded and ending the latter's season.

With the Braves out, it will be the Red Sox and the Enforcers who will battle for the remaining finals berth this Saturday with the winner challenging pennant champions Falcons in Sunday's title match. The Falcons booked the first finals ticket after beating the Enforcers, 2-0, last Monday.

The Red Sox and Braves finished third and fourth, respectively, behind the Falcons and Enforcers in the four-round regular season. The Braves took a 3-2 lead at the start of their win-or-go-home match against the Red Sox behind the two-run single of Kapileo and Jordan Babauta's run off a fielder's choice. The Red Sox's, on the other hand, got their two runs from Dai Podziewski's RBI single and run off the Braves miscues at home plate.

The Braves clung to the shaky lead until the third inning before a four-run top of the fourth, highlighted by Jared Reyes' two-run single put the Red Sox on top, 6-3. Reyes also reached off the Braves' error at third base, while Podziewski's added another RBI single to double up the Braves.

The Braves then countered with three runs—a RBI single from Anthony Dizon and two runs off the Red Sox' defensive lapses—at the bottom of the fifth inning to force the deadlock. Neither team scored in the sixth inning before the Red Sox went on target in the last to oust the Braves.

Meanwhile, in a make-up game in the Big League last Monday, the Yankees nosed out the Islanders, 6-5.

After struggling in the fifth inning, closer Roke Tenorio threw a one-hitter in the last two and shut down the Islanders to hand the Yankees the tough win.

Tenorio came in for Verlance Secharmidal at the bottom of the fifth with the Yankees ahead, 6-2, and gave up a hit and walked two while his wild pitches allowed the Islanders to score twice. The Islanders added another run off the Yankees' booboo to move within one.

A 1-2-3 inning in the sixth, kicked off by Tenorio's pick up and throw to first base kept the Yankees' slim lead and they went on to preserve the win after capping the last inning with a double play.

## ALI'I

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Haus arranged a Final Four showdown against Ballers, while the other pairing pitted the Runnin' Rebels over the unbeaten Ol'Aces. The two semis games took place last night, but results of the matches were unavailable at press time.

Ali'i Blue Haus moved a win away from advancing to the finals as it came back from a 12-point deficit in the first quarter. Ali'i Blue Haus fell behind, as CES exploded for 33 points in the opening 10 minutes of play against the former's 19 markers. Matt Duenas led CES' hot start, knocking in 16 of his 26 points in the opening frame.

However, Duenas failed to sustain his strong start and was held to two field goals and 5 points in the second quarter, which saw Ali'i Blue Haus bringing the lead down to a deuce, 47-49. Brendon Talania and Angelo Fernando brought Ali'i Blue Haus back into the game as they combined for 17 points in the second canto.

Ali'i Blue Haus continued its uphill climb in the third and managed to grab the lead, 70-64, with Elmer Esdrelon this time stepping up on offense. Esdrelon knocked in 7 straight markers in the closing minutes of the penultimate quarter, while Fernando capped the third with back-to-back field goals.

CES tried to regain the upper hand in the fourth canto behind the baskets of Syl Teregeyo, Justin Andrew, and Derrick Rangamar, however, Bart Demapan was there to save the day for Ali'i Blue Haus. Demapan scored his team's last 7 points and 10 of his 13 markers in the final frame to hand Ali'i Blue Haus the 3-point win.

In the second game, the Runnin' Rebels led from start to finish to eliminate the 670 Sonics.

Shane Deleon Guerrero paced the Runnin' Rebels with his 15 points, while Ben Lisua chipped in 14. Jack Aranda had 14 markers, too, for the 670 Sonics.

### First Game

**Ali'i Blue Haus 87**— Fernando 15, Demapan 13, Esdrelon 11, Devero 11, De Dios 11, Barbo 8, Talania 8, Santos 4, Capalad 3, Guiab 2.

**CES Electronics 84** — Duenas 26, Teregeyo 19, Andrew 14, Rangamar 14, Tabora 4, Hernandez 4, Norita 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-33, 47-49, 70-64, 87-84.

### Second Game

**Runnin' Rebels 71** — Deleon Guerrero 15, Lisua 14, Babauta 9, Reyes 8, Pangelinan 6, Camacho 6, Ogarto 6, Sablan 4.

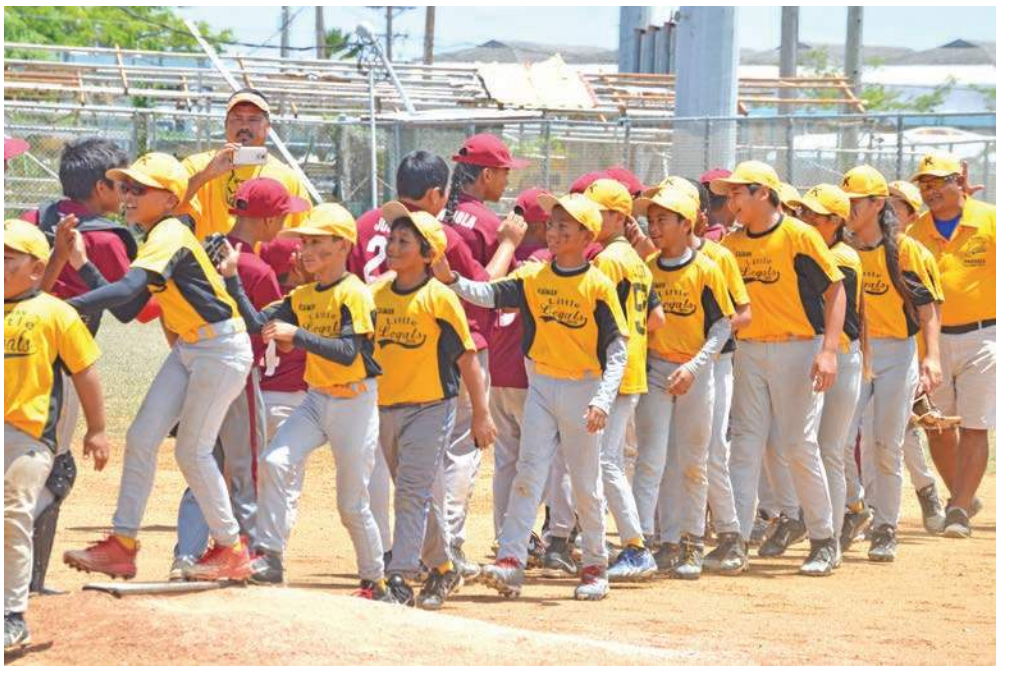
**670 Sonics 64** — Aranda 14, Lansang 9, Arciaga 8, Dela Rosa 6, De Guzman 6, Javier 5, Feria 4, Rabasto 4, Galarse 4, Rivera 3, Fidelino 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 25-16, 40-34, 53-51, 71-64.

# 2016 SLLB Majors Division Finals

**PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO**

The Comets go for a victory run around the field after beating the Little Legals, 12-2, in the finals of the Majors division of the 2016 Saipan Little League Baseball last month at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.



Little Legals and Comets players and officials exchange high-fives after their title match.

Bing Nakamura pitches for the Comets.

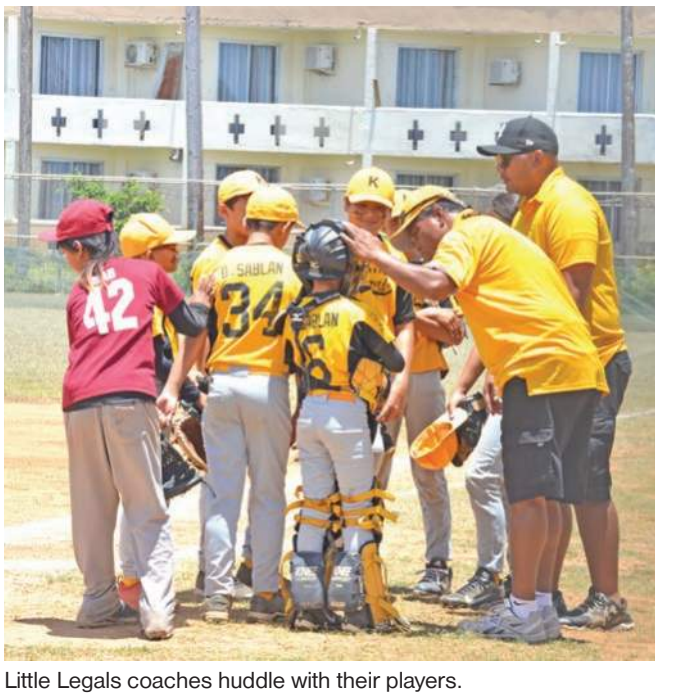
Comets players celebrate their finals win.

A Comets batter waits for the pitch.

The Little Legals' Delbert Sablan delivers a pitch.

The Comets' J.P. Castro runs to home plate.

A Comets runner heads back to first base.



Little Legals coaches huddle with their players.

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# Strong debuts for Tsunami Saipan bets

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Tsunami Saipan's Maria Batallones competes in the 100m breaststroke event in last weekend's 2016 Guam Championships at the Hagatna Pool.

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Tsunami Saipan's Maria Batallones had an outstanding debut in last weekend's 2016 Guam Championships, while three of her teammates also triumphed in the competition at the Hagatna Pool.

Batallones took the gold medal in the girls U8 division after collecting 63 points and finishing first in all seven individual events she was entered. The seven-year-old Batallones raced in the 50m and 100m breaststroke, 50m, 100m, and 200m freestyle, 50m and 100m backstroke, and 200m individual medley and won the division championship against Tsunami Swim Club-ZZ's Sadie Ha'anne Mayo (51 points), Manhoben Swim Club's Amaya Bollinger (45) and three other swimmers.

"Brilliant Guam debuts from our four swimmers—Maria Batallones, Aasish Dangol, Sean Gil, and Risa Sekiguchi. I'm so proud of these swimmers who competed in Guam for the first time. This meet was so tough and hard for them, but they did their best," Tsunami Saipan head coach Hiro Kimura said.

Dangol placed second overall in the boys U8 division after earning 53 points. Tsunami Swim Club-ZZ's Luke Leon Guerrero took the first place honors with his 61 markers, while teammate Isaac Campus rounded out the Top 3 after getting 45 points. Leon Guerrero and Campus are 8-year-old swimmers.

"Although Aasish missed the championship, his second place finish is respectable since he was up against older opponents," Kimura said of his 7-year-old swimmer.

Gil and Sekiguchi did not make it to the podium, but still drew praises from Kimura for leaving a good mark in their first competition in Guam.

"Risa set some personal best times. In the 50m breastroke, her time (52.51 seconds) was nearly four seconds faster than

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## Ali'i Blue Haus, Runnin' Rebels advance

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Ali'i Blue Haus and the Runnin' Rebels completed the semis cast in the 2016 Island-wide Men's Basketball League following their contrasting playoff wins last Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Ali'i Blue Haus played in the first game and overhauled an early double-digit deficit to down CES Electronics, 87-84, while the Runnin' Rebels defeated the 670 Sonics, 71-64, in the second game.

With the victory, Ali'i Blue

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Ali'i Blue Haus' Marlon De Dios unloads a shot in front of CES Electronics' Matt Duenas during their playoff game in the island-wide caging last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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A Red Sox batter watches a high pitch from the Braves during the top of the first inning of their playoff game in the Junior League division of the SLLB last Monday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

## Red Sox boost bid for last finals berth

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The Red Sox remained in contention for the last finals berth in the Junior League division of the 2016 Saipan Little League Baseball after defeating the Braves, 10-7, in their playoff game last Monday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

A four-run top of the seventh inning keyed the Red Sox' victory as the game was still tied, 6-6, before the eventual winners made the move. Orren Cruz blasted a two-run single in the pivotal inning where the Red Sox got two more runs off a fielder's choice and the Braves' error.

An RBI single from Joe Tudela at the bottom of the seventh with only one out kept the Braves in the game and they had a chance to move closer as Tudela eventually moved to second and third batter Vicente Camacho was at third. However,

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